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JUNE LANCASTER ON TRIAL.

Addie Cooper Tells Her Sad Story to Court and Jury.

Since Monday afternoon the bastardy case of the People vs June Lancaster has been on trial by jury in the county court, Judge Hammer presiding. The complaining witness is Miss Addie Cooper, who has been a charge at the county poor farm ever since she got into trouble. Addie Cooper is a mulatto and had been a servant in the family of John Roberts, a farmer, near Niantic. She was on the stand in court this forenoon and had a babe on her lap. She testified that Lancaster is the father of the child. Last summer in the guardianship proceedings as to Lancaster's two motherless boys, the Cooper girl testified that John Roberts, the farmer by whom she had been employed, was the father of the unborn child. Now she claims that at that trial Lancaster caused her to make the untruthful accusation as to Roberts. I. R. Mills and I. A. Buckingham appear for the prosecution, and Lefforgee and & Lee and David Hutchison for the defense. The jurymen are Dan Culp, J. Gordon, George Nichols, M. Wallace, J. McCarthy, W. Leake, H. Downing, C. N. Twaddell, Lowry, Portwood, France and Angle. The court room has been crowded all day. Sheriff Nicholson in person preserves order.

THE CHARITY HEADQUARTERS.

It Was a Busy Day and There Were Many Applications for Assistance—Women's and Children's Clothes Are Needed.

The workers at the charity headquarters were kept busy today. There were a large number of calls for assistance and everyone was fitted with clothes and food. The managers are already beginning to find the imposters. Some of the children come to the place in rags and ask for clothes. Their request is granted and the children change their new clothes for rags and come back again for another supply. Many other tricks are attempted but even if some do impose on the generosity of the public a great work is being done and many hungry families are being fed. So far about 250 families have been given assistance.

The calls for fuel were not so great today on account of the change in the temperature but there is still a great deal of food being given out. One thing which is especially needed is clothes for women and children. The supply in this line has run out and there are many women and little ones who are suffering for the want of sufficient wearing apparel. This morning there was a credit of $80 at the coal shaft in favor of the charity store. Four persons gave $20 each to increase the supply of coal.

Hutchin to Move His Shoe Store.

About March 1 we will move to 139 North Water street (first door north of Races) That will give us February yet in our present quarters. We have invoiced. We did that to see what we have. We have $50,000 worth of the best shoes ever brought to Decatur. We won't move all of them, in fact, can't move many, for we have bought enough new goods to stock up our new place. But we will move them in the easiest way possible, and that is to let you put the price you want to pay on them and move them for us. So get a move on yourself and help us move by securing the best shoe bargains any store ever gave. Remember, it's a February sale and will give us a lively month. Walter Hutchin,

1-dt3wlt 355 North Water street.

REDUCED PRICES FOR 30 DAYS.

Ladies' and Children's Dresses, Cloaks, Wrappers and Capes dyed and dry cleaned. No ripping apart. Lace and chenile and portiers dry cleaned at reduced prices for February, by the leading practical dyers and dry cleaners of Decatur. H. H. Miller & Bro., 145 North Main street.

M. R. and Carrie Campbell of Farmer City, have sold their farm of 80 acres west of town, for $80 an acre, and are looking for a new location in the neighborhood of Dixon.

The Citizens' Relief association of Peoria has furnished supplies and relief of one kind or another to 1500 persons since the cold snap came on.

The Prohibitionists of Livingston county are to have a grand love feast at Pontiac in the court house Feb. 13, prox.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Moore were married for the second time at Newman last week. They were divorced twenty years ago.

Robert J. Burdette, the well known humorist, formerly of Peoria, is visiting friends in that city.

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CALIFORNIA MURDER

C. F. Kloupfer Kills Charles E. Dodge and Alexander Borland.

FIVE CHILDREN DROWNED IN RIVER

A Salt Lake Fire—A Dakota Train Wreck Store and Proprietor Burned—Probable Railroad Strike—Burning Mine.

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 3.—Charles E. Dodge and Alexander Borland of New Hope, old residents and well known, were murdered this morning by C. F. Kloupfer, senior member of the firm of Kloupfer & Co., general store keepers and saloon keepers. The murdered men were acting as peacemakers in a quarrel to which Kloupfer was a party.

Five Children Drowned.

Nebraska City, Feb. 3.—Three sons of G. T. Gibson, one son of Phoenix Gibson and a daughter of J. McIlvane, ranging from 6 to 15 years of age, broke through the ice while skating on a pond on the Iowa side of the Missouri river and were drowned. The parents are prominent Iowa farmers.

Fire in Salt Lake.

Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 3.—A fire last night destroyed the Scott-Aurbach building on Main street. The loss foots up a quarter of a million dollars. There were several narrow escapes. City Electrician Veil fell from a third story building but the net work of wires broke his fall and his life was saved.

Train Wreck and Death.

Yankton, S. D., Feb. 3.—A train on on the side track at Arlington was run into by an engine this morning and Conductor Addington, Brakeman Hoslac, John Loftus and a man named Harrison of Arlington were killed. The bodies were burned beyond recognition as the wreck took fire.

Store and Proprietor Burned.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 3.—The store of Frank Novak in Walford, this county, was burned while the proprietor slept in a room above. The boy is supposed to be the incendiary. It is suspected the fire is the work of robbers who burned the building to cover up the crime.

PROBABLE STRIKE.

Dissatisfaction Among the Employes of the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railroad.

Anaconda, Mont., Feb. 3.—The employes of the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad mainly switchmen and brakemen, struck yesterday to force the reinstatement of a discharged yardmaster by the name of Corrigan. The trains, however, continue to run. Should the strike spread and the road be tied up ten thousand men will be thrown out of employment.

Latest from the Tamarack Mine.

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 3.—So far the flames in the Tamarack mine have not communicated to the shaft or the timbers, and it is believed it can be prevented. If this can be done, the fire will soon burn itself out. Possibly the four entombed men may still be alive as they are above the fire and fresh air has been pumped to them since the fire broke out.

The fire in the mine is extinguished. All the imprisoned miners reached are alive.

FIGHT MUST BE AT CARSON.

Nevada Legislature Will Otherwise Repeal the Recently Enacted Law.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 3.—It was rumored yesterday that the sporting fraternity of Utah and Montana had offered Dan Stuart inducements to pull the big fight off near Salt Lake, just inside the Nevada line. This report caused great excitement here, and members of the legislature declared that if such an offer was accepted and the fight was not pulled off in Carson they would repeal the bill legalizing prize fighting. They voted for the bill, understanding that the capital of Nevada would be the battle ground.

Already a canvass has been made of nearly every member of the legislature. In the house there are nine men who voted against the bill and one who declined to vote. The same men will vote for a repeal of the act, and it will require but six more votes to repeal it in the house, and eight men have said already if the fight does not come off in Carson a change of two votes in the senate will repeal it, and it is said they will be forthcoming at any time that Stuart announces that the fight will not be at the capital.

The feeling is so pronounced on this subject that there is no longer any question about the location of the fight, as far as Carson is concerned, and the Virginia and Truckee Railroad company is already putting on extra men to get the cars in order to transport the crowd. Already orders for hotel accommodations and seats are pouring into Carson. Yesterday a cable dispatch to A. Livingston, Stuart's agent, came from London for twenty-five seats, and up to date seventy-eight Pullman cars have been engaged in New York, St. Louis, Chicago and San Francisco and other cities to transport sports to the battle ground. Leading advertising firms and large houses have wired the Carson papers for advertising space for the month of March, and some have offered the stiffest kind of figures for the privilege.

Corbett will train at the Steamboat Hot Springs, near Reno, and Fitzsimmons will train at Shaw's Hot Springs, at Carson. As yet no place has been selected for the big building. A dozen have been under consideration, but all so-called pictures of the spot have so far been fakes. The exact location will not be known until Stuart reaches this city, the latter part of the week. A San Francisco syndicate is now arranging to build a large hotel in Carson for the big fights that will come off for some years to come, and next fall, in addition to a big fistic program, there will be a pigeon shooting match for the championship of the world and a week's horse racing.

A bill was introduced in the senate yesterday afternoon providing that the admission to any glove contest held in Nevada should not exceed $1. The bill will probably pass.

Gov Tanner's Military Staff.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 3.—Governor Tanner yesterday announced his military staff. There are still two vacancies, one from the Thirteenth and the other from the Twenty-first congressional district, which will be filled later. General Reece, the newly appointed adjutant general, took charge of the office yesterday. Following is the full list of military appointments announced:

Adjutant general, Jasper N. Reece, Springfield.

Assistant Adjutant general, James B. Smith, Clay City.

Inspector general, with rank of colonel, James R. B. Van Cleave, of Chicago.

General Inspector of rifle practice, with rank of colonel, H. S. Dietrich of Evansville.

Judge advocate generals, with rank of colonel, John A. Sterling of Bloomington; Colonel John W. Gates, Chicago; Colonel Charles E. Bleyer, Chicago, and the following colonels from congressional districts: First, Col. William M. Crilley, Chicago; Second, Col. Edward Norton, Chicago; Third, Col. William S. Eden, Chicago, Fourth, Col. John C. Tate, Chicago; Fifth, Col. Henry B. Maxwell, Chicago; Sixth, Col. Joseph Leiter, Chicago; Seventh, Col. Ernest Foicker, Chicago; Eighth, Col. Isaac L. Elwood, Dekalb; Ninth, Col. William H. Glasgow, Warren; Tenth, Col. W. Dwight Wiman, Molino; Eleventh, Col. F. L. Smith, Dwight; Twelfth, Col. John Lambert, Joliet; Thirteenth, not appointed; Fourteenth, Col. Fred H. Smith, Peoria; Fifteenth, Col. Isaac H. Lesen, Quincy; Sixteenth, Col. Sargent McKnight, Girard; Seventeenth, Col Stephen T. Littler, Springfield; Eighteenth, Col. R. E. Higgins, Vandalia; Nineteenth, Col. Harvey M. Hall, Olney; Twentieth, Col. Randolph Smith, Flora; Twenty-first, not appointed; Twenty-second, Col. Warren W. Duncan, Marion.

Attempt to Burn a Town.

Williamsfield, Ill., Feb. 3.—Men playing cards in Wood's drug store at 10 o'clock last night saw flames issuing from the shed of Caldwell & Buckley's grocery near by, and found they came from a pile of hay that had been thrust in the shed near oil barrels and set on fire. The blaze was put out. Then there was discovered a pile of straw heaped against the rear of the drug store with burned matches along its margin. In ten minutes more the whole business part of the village would have been imperiled. Meanwhile flames shot up from the big elevator owned by C. C. Davis & Co., half a block away and although the whole village fought the fire, the elevator and its contents of oats, corn and rye were destroyed. The elevator was built at a cost of $4500, and was insured, with contents, for $2300.

The Trial of Horseman Knebbs.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Hearing in the appeal in the case of Robert E. Knebbs, the American horse owner, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment on the charge that his trotting mare Bethel was in the races here under a false name, began yesterday, was continued today.

Dr. Nansen Arrives in Sweden.

London, Feb 3.—Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, arrived today and was met by George Baton Powell, whose guest he will be while here. Dr. Nansen was cheered heartily by the crowd about the station.

Thompson Elected.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—Frank Thompson was elected president of the Pennsylvania railway to succeed the late President Roberts today.

ILLINOIS ASSEMBLY.

The Management of the State Charitable and Penal Institutions to be Investigated.

GOVERNOR SENDS IN APPOINTMENTS.

Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners and Commissioners of Chester Penitentiary and Chief Grain Inspector Confirmed--Proceedings in Senate.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 3.—It is more than probable the present legislature through special committees will investigate nearly every charitable and penal institution in the state. A small meeting of senators from northern Illinois was held last night and agreed to have committees appointed to look over the books of the Joliet prison. They pointed out that the penitentiary there used up over $500,000 cash in the last four years besides the sums made by 400 convicts working under the contract system. There is also talk of a deficit of nearly $100,000 at the Chester prison, and charges of gross mismanagement. This may all be political buncomb for Republican glory and may not. It is certain, however, that arrangements are on foot looking toward the investigation of every public institution in the state.

The governor sent the following appointments for confirmation to the senate his morning:

Railroad and warehouse commissioners, C. J. Lindley, Greenville; C. S. Rannells, Jacksonville; J. R. Bidwell, Chicago; vice Thomas Gahan, George Fithian and Cantwell resigned.

Commissioners of the southern Illinois penitentiary: T. W. Scott, J. E. Messick and J. E. Job.

Chief grain inspector, Chicago: E. J. Noble of Chicago.

The senate in executive session confirmed the governor's appointments for west park commissioners in Chicago, with only one dissenting vote. The list presented today was also confirmed.

Bills appropriating $80,000 for an Illinois building at the Tennessee centennial in Nashville, and $47,000 for the expenses of the offices of the governor and secretary of state were passed in the senate. Bills were introduced, changing the rate of interest in the school law from eight to seven; for the establishment of manual training school in township high schools; for placing county farmers' institutes under control of the agricultural bureau of the University of Illinois; increasing the salaries of judges of the supreme court from $3500 to $8000 per annum. A recess till 3 o'clock this afternoon was order to give the Republicans opportunity to discuss in caucus the committee appointments a list of which has been completed by the committee.

In the house the bill authorizing the governor to appoint a resident trustee for the eastern Illinois Normal school at Charleston was passed.

Bills were introduced as follows: To tax life insurance companies doing business in the state 2½ per cent on their gross receipts; appropriating $4000 per year to maintain the Illinois Poultry association; to exempt from garnishment no more than 75 per cent of the wages of any man where the claim is for family expenses. Adjourned.

That Anglo-American Treaty.

London, Feb. 3.—The house of commons adopted a motion asking that the full text of the arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States be laid before the house.

MILLION DOLLAR FAILURE.

Receiver Appointed To-Day for the Philadelphia Lead Company.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—The Philadelphia Lead company went into the hands of a receiver yesterday. The liabilities are $1,400,000. The application for a receiver was made by George S. Griscom, trustee and Anderson Holder who set forth that the company's indebtedness to Griscom amounted to $968,000. The liabilities are in the form of commercial paper on which $550,000 matures this month. This is endorsed by President Schwartz, recently stricken with paralysis. The obligations are held in Salt Lake, Pittsburg, New York and London. Over $50,000 worth of paper went to protest yesterday. The company, it is stated, was unable to meet or renew the obligations and there was danger of levies on $800,000 worth of property. Schwartz is also sole owner of the Pennsylvania Smelting company at Salt Lake. As president of the company he was compelled to buy lead, silver and gold ores in the west and Mexico for spot cash which at all times requires the signatures of the president to notes with which the business of the companies was carried on. His condition is such that he is not able to sign these notes and Griscom and Anderson were appointed receivers to conduct the business of the company. They confessed judgment to Griscom as trustee for $968,000.

KENTUCKY'S SENATORSHIP.

Maj. Wood to Succeed Blackburn.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 3.—Major A. T. Wood, a prominent Republican, of Mount Sterling, and candidate for governor against John Young Brown, is said on good authority to be slated for United States senator, to succeed Joseph C. S. Blackburn. It was announced yesterday simultaneously from both Louisville and Frankfort inner political circles that Governor Bradley had determined to appoint Major Wood on March 5. It is stated that Governor Bradley has received assurances that if he appointed Major Wood he will be seated by the United States senate.

Governor Bradley has also decided to call a special session of the legislature. The general assembly may attempt to elect a successor to Blackburn (Wood only holding during the vacancy by consent of the federal senate), but it is possible that there will be no election, owing to the friction between Governor Bradley and that faction represented by W. Godfrey Hunter. The majority is so small that every Republican vote is necessary to elect a senator. Dr. Hunter can not now win, for if he could Governor Bradley would not call an extra session. On the other hand, Hunter's friends might not go into a caucus, which would nominate John W. Yerkes of Danville. Therefore there will be an election only if the Hunter men are pacified. If there is no election at the special session there will be one next January by the new legislature, which Blackburn is already setting his traps to capture. Singularly coincident with the announcement of Governor Bradley's plans is the fact that Dr. Hunter was at Canton in conference with the president-elect yesterday.

Advices from Canton last night will, if true, obviate the necessity of Wood's appointment. Dr. Hunter called upon the president-elect, and, it is said, was promised the commissionership of internal revenue. In return he will support Yerkes for senator. St. John Bolye may also be cared for.

MEETING OF OIL MEN.

Conference of the Standard Co. Salesmen to be Held in Decatur.

The annual meeting of Standard Oil company salesmen in the territory of Manager M. Maxon of Decatur, will be held in this city tomorrow. There are thirty men in the territory and all will be at the conference. They will take dinner at the St. Nicholas. The salesmen are

G. A. Thomson, Cincinnati, Ohio.
H. H. Bryan, Danville, Ill.
F. G. Cox, Centralia, Ill.
T. H. Grammer, Carbondale, Ill.
J. F. Hinch, East St. Louis, Ill.
F. L. Harpster, Clinton, Ill.
F. H. Hahn, Champaign, Ill.
D. D. James, Mattoon, Ill.
Lewis James, Mattoon, Ill.
W. E. Kinsbury, Duquoin, Ill.
John Maxon, Effingham, Ill.
H. P. Houston, Effingham, Ill.
B. W. Menees, Anna, Ill.
C. F. Ozier, Edwardsville, Ill.
W. R. Palmer, Springfield, Ill.
E. E. Potter, Litchfield, Ill.
E. Rode, Vandalia, Ill.
D. Stimson, Vandalia.
George W. Sanders, Paris, Ill.
C. M. Snapp, Paris, Ill.
J. Steinmetz, White Hall, Ill.
John Loar, Jacksonville, Ill.
J. E. Wheeler, Alton, Ill.
R. R. Watkins, Tuscola, Ill.
W. A. Brown, Decatur, Ill.
J. F. Holliday, Decatur, Ill.
H. L. Holliday, Decatur, Ill.
C. E. Jones, St. Louis, Mo.
E. B. Putnam, Carbondale, Ill.
F. R. C. Dudley, Bloomington, Ill.

Joe Myers in Jail.

At an early hour this morning in Central park Joe Myers was arrested for drunkenness by Officers Cross and Horton and put in the city jail to sober off. This morning Joe went before a justice and pleaded guilty, getting a fine of $3 and costs. He claimed that he was not drunk. Myers is the young man who was recently acquitted in the circuit court on a charge of murdering August Hackman. This week he became a barkeeper at June Blackburn's saloon on Franklin street, and was supposed to be on his way to the Athey hotel at 3 o'clock this morning when he was arrested.

Funeral of Mrs. Todd.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Amelia Todd was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Anna B. Millikin Home. Rev. D. F. Howe conducted the services The members of the ladies' society of the First Methodist church who have paid Mrs. Todd's board since she has been at the home, had charge of the funeral and bore the expenses. The remains were buried at Greenwood cemetery.

THE SUGAR MEN.

They Appeal to the Appropriation Committee for Bounty Still Due Them.

THE PACIFIC RAIL ROAD INTERESTS.

Indications That Propositions are Anticipated with the View of Buying the Road—The Swartz Lead Co. Fails.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Louisiana delegation in congress and representatives of the western sugar beet men appeared before the house appropriations committee in support of the item for a million dollars in the sundry civil bill to satisfy their claims under the sugar bounty clause of the McKinley bill, repealed by the Wilson bill, but subsequently held valid by the supreme court. They claim $5,000,000 was due them of which they received only $4,000,000 and the additional million is to make up the deficiency.

A Conference with Atty. Gen. Harrison.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The house committee on Pacific railroads had a conference with Attorney General Harmon on the bill for a commission to settle the Pacific railroad questions. The committee adjourned till Monday on the representation of Hubbard of Missouri, that the parties to the road are ready to make the government a better offer for the Union Pacific than the New York syndicates.

The senate committee on interstate commerce has agreed to report Tillman's bill, giving the states the same control over liquor imported from another state that they have over the liquors manufactured within their own borders.

The house committe later discussed the bill for the creation of the secretaryship of labor in the cabinet. The committee considered the suggestions be made to include commerce, labor and manufactures. There was no action.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The News Washington special says: No wine or other intoxicants will be sold at the inaugural ball. Mrs. McKinley is responsible for this decision. This will be the first time that liquor has been prohibited at the inaugural functions.

WON'T ADMIT IT

Judge McKenna of California Refuses to Admit He Has Been Offered a Cabinet Position.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Judge Joseph McKenna was shown the dispatch from Canton making the positive assertion he had been offered a place in the cabinet. He said: "I can't say I will accept any cabinet position, for none has been offered me." McKinley never said to me, 'Will you accept the secretaryship of the interior, or will you accept the attorney generalship.' He never made a definite offer of a cabinet portfolio. McKenna's friends, however, are positive he has been offered and has accepted one of two cabinet positions, when the ladies of his household are preparing to go to Washington to live in a few months.

Diamond Match Co. Elect Officers.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Diamond Match Co. was held today and resulted in the election of the directors on the regular ticket after one of the stormiest sessions in the history of the company. Mismanagement and charges of even a criminal nature were preferred by the Gould interests. Those interests, however, are in a hopless minority. And their fighting though vigorous was to no purpose. The Barber interests were victorious.

Keeley Cure Law Void.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 3.—The supreme court yesterday declared the Keeley cure law void. The decision is on an appeal from the decision in a suit in the court in Milwaukee in favor of the Wisconsin Keeley institute. The institute sued Milwaukee county for $130 for treating a patient committed under the state law by the county court to the institution. The court holds the law is an indirect tax for private purposes and therefore invalid.

Congratulating Wilson.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 3.—Both houses of the legislature passed complimentary and congratulatory resolutions yesterday on the appointment of James Wilson as secretary of agriculture. The house gave him a reception Wilson spoke feelingly of his career in Iowa.

Princess de Chimay Divorced.

Charleroix, Belgium, Feb. 3.—Prince De Chimay was granted a divorce yesterday from the princess account of her misconduct with the gypsy musician, Rigo, with whom she eloped.

RUMOR AS TO "FATTY" MUNSON.

Story Current That He Was Killed in a Gambling House.

This afternoon it was told in several public places that George Munson, better known in Decatur as "Fatty" Munson, had been shot dead in a gambling house at Memphis, Tenn. There were no particulars but there were those who claimed to have heard that Munson had got into a quarrel during the progress of a game and had been shot through the heart.

It was known that Munson while he resided in Decatur had been in the employ of A. B. Barteau. That gentleman was seen. He stated that he had not received any communication whatever as to Munson. He did not believe the story as to Munson's tragic death. He first heard of an intimation to that effect yesterday when Steve Tabor had said he had heard or read in a paper that Fatty Munson had been killed in the west. He could not tell in what state. Mr. Barteau said that he knew at least four "Fatty" Munsons, but he did not think that George had been killed. The last he heard of Munson was he was at Nashville, Tenn. Barteau had discharged Munson some months ago, not that he did not do good work, but because he didn't think that George was faithful in all things to the interest of his employer. Munson was known here as a quiet, genial chap, weighing over 300 pounds Decatur friends will write to Memphis and Nashville, Tenn., to learn the facts.

CLOSE CALL FOR JULIA BOONE.

Johnny Lloyd and Another Man Saved Her Life by Quick Action.

Shortly before noon today there was a thrilling scene witnessed near the Edward street crossing of the Wabash road. Mrs. Julia Boone, who was suffering with the toothache and had her head wrapped up, was coming on the railroad toward the crossing to get aboard the street car which had just arrived at that point. Mrs. Bone was on the railroad track near the Municipal Electric Co. plant and was approaching from the west. She saw a freight train coming toward her from the east. She got on another track to get out of the way of the freight, but in doing so she got in front of the passenger train which was then coming in rapidly from the west. She did not see the train and evidently could not hear it rumbling along. Men called to Mrs. Boone to get off the track. She did not hear the warnings and it seemed that she was doomed to be run down and crushed to death beneath the iron wheels. Then it was that Johnny Lloyd, one of the street car motormen, and an employe at the electric light plant, at the risk of their own lives, rushed to the rescue of the woman unconscious of her danger and pulled her off the track just in time to save her life. M. A. Starling, the motorman on car 25, witnessed the rescue. He states that it seemed for a moment that the two men and the woman would be killed, so close was the train. Mrs. Boone and the men stood trembling as the passenger train with a rush passed on. Mrs. Boone while greatly frightened as soon as she realized the perilous position she occupied, was profuse in her thanks to Mr. Lloyd and the other man. She got into the street car and came up town to visit a dentist. She said that when she got out of the way of the freight train she did not think of any other danger.

Still Cutting Ice.

The work of cutting ice is still going on at the river. The ice is plowed at night and the work of putting it into houses begins early in the morning. The weather has not been warm enough to melt the ice and the moderate temperature makes it much easier for the workmen than when the weather was so cold. The ice dealers say that it will be a number of days yet before they get in their full supply.

New Tariff Bill Pass.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator elect Wellington of Maryland, returned from Cleveland where he talked with Hanna. He says there is no doubt about the passage of a tariff bill. The free silver Republicans senators and the new senator from Idaho will vote for it.

The Defense at Bat.

In the county court in the case of the People vs June Lancaster evidence for the defense is now being heard. The case may go to the jury tomorrow.

Amanda Hagan has begun action for damages for $500 against the city of Champaign for losses sustained by the closing of her hotel by quarantine, June 1, 1895, when it was discovered that there were inmates of the hotel afflicted with smallpox.

The Elkhart Advocte and Williamsville Times has changed hands. The former editor, W. C. Gilbreath, has engaged in the general merchandise business in Williamsville and the present editor, H. C. Sterling, was one of Williamsville's hustling business men.

The Elks of Danville, will give a minstral show Feb. 8. In the first part 250 incandescent lamps will be used.

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BILL, THE PLOTTER.

BY LESTER KETCHUM.

IT seems but yesterday that old Bill Ijams lurched into the office, fell over a chair or two, sat himself down upon the edge of my table, and announced, with drunken gravity, that he was the best blank-dashed job-printer that hit the pike.

"Yes?" I said, briefly, glancing up from one of the pungent paragraphs that used to cause me so much amusement, yet were not appreciated by the exchange editors of the metropolitan papers.

"Didn't I say so, young feller?" he asked, in an aggrieved tone, as he reached for my box of smoking-tobacco and stowed away a handful of it behind his wealth of bristling mustache and whiskers. "Gimme a job?" he added, closing one eye and viewing me critically with the other, the while he masticated the tobacco.

We needed a man, so I called the foreman

"Give this man that bill-head job of Dudley's, Ed, and see what he can do," I said.

"I'll dern soon show ye what ol' Bill c'n do, young feller," grumbled Mr. Ijams, as he rolled off the table and followed Ed. "Ol' Bill c'n turn out artistic work fr'm a blacksmith shop—such 's I take this t' be, sonny," with a contemptuous glance at the interior of the press and composing-room. Then he hung up his coat, filled his old cob pipe—with my tobacco—grabbed a "stick," and went to work.

The proof of that one-horse bill-head job, when it was handed me, about three-quarters of an hour later, filled me with joy. It was a thing of beauty—a masterpiece.

"Do you want to stay here awhile?" I asked, having in mental view numerous orders for job-work on the strength of Mr. Ijams' unquestionable ability in that line. Bill was standing with folded arms, leering at me with that one-eyed squint of his.

"'Course—ef ye c'n stan' my price."

"What is it?"

He named a figure about seven dollars a week higher than I felt we could afford; but as I pondered over it, he added: "But I c'n do more work th'n two ord'nary men—ef I git it t' do."

"All right," I said, finally, "we'll try it a week," and I turned again to my work.

"Hold on," he said, "I want t' make 'a agreement with ye. Don't let me have any money. I can't stand prosperity, ye see. So, ef ye'd jest's soon stake me out at some boardin'house, an' git me a little eatin' an' burnin' t'bacca, I'll be fixed."

This was agreed to, as was also the request that I "stake" him for another drink, to "steady his nerves." Then Bill settled down to work—and if ever there was a star of the first magnitude in the job-printing line, he was that same. I took samples of the first two or three jobs he turned out, and with these I sallied forth and booked more orders than we had received in months past; but old Bill, slow in his movements as he was, proved equal to the rush, and everything was done on time, as promised. Not only was he valuable in his working capacity, but he kept us all amused with a constant flow of anecdotes, related in his dry way in a drawling voice rendered husky by years of dalliance with John Barleycorn and tobacco.

He had been with us about a week, when, one morning, he slouched into the office and dropped into a chair near me. For some time he puffed away at

"GIMME A JOB?"

his vile old pipe without speaking, but finally remarked, apropos of nothing:

"Tell me ye write some f'r magazines, an' so on."

I admitted that I possessed literary aspirations.

"'F ye want s'm' rattlin' good plots," said Bill, with some diffidence, "I c'n fill ye full of 'em. Make 'em up when I'm drunk 'r on th' road. Good ones, too."

"Yes?" I said, wearily—for I had spent many a dull hour with that variety of bore with "a rattling good plot" to tell about. "Why don't you write 'em yourself?"

"Can't; ain't never sober long enough," said Bill, frankly. "When I am sober, I have t' work 't th' trade, so's t' git quick r'turns. But I'll tell you some of 'em. Stay awhile, after they go t' press, some night, an' we'll chaw th' rag."

With all due gratitude to Bill for his kindly interest in my affairs, and the painstaking way in which he imparted to me those plots of his upon which such successful bits of fiction were to be builded, it must be said that his efforts to assist me were fruitless. Either Bill sober forgot the principal features of the plots mapped out by Bill drunk, or his listener was singularly obtuse and failed to see things as Bill himself did. At any rate, I am not going to tell what became of the three or four manuscripts in which some of old Bill's ideas were embodied.

This saddened Bill and made him morose. The last straw came in the shape of a note from an editorial friend who had published a number of sketches of mine, in which he frankly stated his private opinion that I must have an awful nerve to expect him to read such rot, much less publish it. I handed the letter to Bill. He read it in silence, then, with some lurid profanity directed at editors in general, turned and left the office.

At five o'clock in the afternoon he came back, drunk and abusive, and wanted what money was due him. I tried to dissuade him, telling him we wanted him to stay with the office awhile.

"T' deuce with you an' th' office!" he roared. "Gimme my time!"

"But the bank's closed, Bill," I pleaded. "Won't a few dollars do until to-morrow?"

"Give—me—my—time—now!"

I went out, cashed a check with some difficulty, and came back and gave Bill his money. He went out growling.

Next morning he came in showing the effects of his debauch, and sat down by the stove.

"Ready to go to work, Bill?" I asked

"No. I'm goin' t' hit th' road," he said, gruffly. "C'n ye let me have four bits?"

"Great Caesar, Bill! You won't quit us, with all those jobs on the book?" I cried, in dismay.

"Might as well. Won't be any good ef I stay," he replied, with considerable firmness. "Do I git th' four bits?"

He got it, and, after shaking hands all round, he disappeared in the direction of the railway station.

About six months later Bill floated into the office again. If he had been sober during the interval, there certainly was nothing about his appearance to indicate it. I have seen almost every variety of bum and tramp, but in all my experience I cannot recall meeting one of such thoroughly unwholesome appearance as Bill presented that morning.

"Wie gehts, sonny?" he hiccoughed, cheerfully, holding out his dirty paw. "Know me?"

I surveyed him with ill-concealed disgust, as I remarked:

"It is possible that a bath and a barber might disclose the face and form of my old friend Bill. But now—great Scott, Bill! Go and get a bath and a hair cut."

He took the dollar I gave him, chuckled hoarsely and left, to return in about an hour somewhat improved in appearance and ready for work.

"Say," he remarked, as he took off his coat, "I've got th' best derned plot f'r a short story ye ever heard of. I'll tell ye t' night."

But alas! it was like all the others he had given me, and quite as valueless as those he subsequently imparted to me during his three weeks' sojourn with us. At the end of that time he departed in much the same manner as before He got drunk, "went broke," borrowed a half-dollar again, and walked out of town

For the next three years, he showed up at intervals of five or six months—departing as innocent of means as when he had arrived, always, however, with a new suit of clothes. Never did he fail to announce upon his arrival, that he had the "best derned plot" for a story I ever heard of. And never did one of his ideas avail me anything.

A year or so after the death of the always sickly Journal, of which I had been editor-in-chief from the eginning, I met Bill in Chicago I was then "doing police" on one of the morning papers and it was while attending the Monday morning "round-up" at the old Armory station that I became aware of his presence As the police judge, after looking at the name on the sheet before him, remarked something about "jim-jams" being a more appropriate name than "Ijams," I glanced up, and there, in the prisoner's dock was old Bill, looking, oh! so tough! but with a knowing leer on his face as he recognized me.

I whispered to the judge, who grinned. "Old friend, eh? William, the officer says you were drunk and disorderly Saturday night. How about it?"

"Guilty, judge," said Bill, cheerfully.

"M—hm. Ever been here before, William?"

"Not as many times 's I ought t' been."

"Coming again? No? Discharged. Your friend here wishes to see you, William."

Bill was entirely unabashed when I met him at the door, and seemed greatly amused at my suggestion that he ought to be ashamed of himself. "I never thought you'd come to this, Bill," I said, severely.

"Fiddle-de-dee, boy! Likewise 'rats!" replied Bill, with coarse disregard for the dignity of my official 'star. "If I had two bits f'r ev'ry time that's happened, I would be tryin' t' borrow a dollar now," he continued, adroitly.

He got the dollar and on the way uptown unfolded to me one of the "best derned plots" for a story he had ever evolved; but it was not good enough to consider, and my manner told him so.

"I'll leave ye here," he said, abruptly, as we came to Van Buren street, "I look too tough t' go uptown with ye, but looky, sonny, nex' time I see ye, I'm sure goin' to give ye a plot that 'll make y'r hair curl. Understand?"

We parted and Bill made a bee-line for the nearest place to get an "eye-opener." That was the last I saw of him for two years.

Of all the ubiquitous individuals I ever ran across in all sorts of out-of-the-way places and elsewhere, Bill Ijams was the one oftenest in evidence. The next time I saw him was in New York; next, I found him officiating as foreman in a little newspaper office in a Nebraska prairie town; and a year later he turned up in San Francisco, and stumbled across my path. On each and every occasion he had "the best derned plot" all ready to give me; and, quite as regularly, nothing came of it.

A few months after seeing him in San Francisco, while chatting with the editor of a paper in southern New Mexico, I heard a familiar voice from the door of the composing-room asking some question about a "job." Behold our old friend Bill, stick in hand, with the same old familiar one-eyed leer on his grizzled countenance. After he went out I told the editor about him.

"Why don't you take the old villain out to the mine and straighten him out, if you're going to be there awhile?" asked Sherman. "He's good for years if you can keep him sober; but he nearly died after his last jamboree, a few weeks ago. He's about 'due' again, by now."

Just then Bill's head emerged from the doorway. "Say, sonny," he remarked, "I got somethin' t' tell ye, ef y're 'round t'night. It's a corker, sure, this time."

"All right, Bill. Come over and take supper at the hotel with me."

Bill readily accepted the proposition I held out to him to go over to our camp and work. He liked the prospect of a change of employment, and also that of being out of reach of his old enemy when one of his "spells" came on

"ONE OF THE BEST DERNED PLOTS"

So when I drove out next day, I was accompanied by this cheerful old reprobate, who seemed happy as a boy over the outlook. He had one or two "plots" to unfold, too; but he did not seem hurt when I failed to enthuse over them.

Bill had been with us at White Hawk about three months, and during that time had succeeded not only in standing off "the old enemy," but in making himself the most popular man in camp, besides. So it was with genuine regret that everybody heard that he was about to pull up stakes and move on. But the roving fever had him, and nothing we could do or say would induce him to reconsider.

Without his knowledge "the boys" bestirred themselves in his behalf, and on the eve of his departure he was decoyed up to Higgins' boarding house, where a "grand ball" was being held in his honor. And when they presented the old fellow with a handsome watch: "This is addin' insult t' injury," said Bill, with grateful tears in his bleary old eyes.

About midnight, when the baile was at its height, came startling news brought from a late arrival from the Arizona line. The notorious "Kid" and his cutthroat band of reds were out on the warpath, and it behooved those present—the men, at least—to get to their respective ranches and look after their building and stock.

A week later found us, a mere handful of men, hampered by the presence of half a hundred women and children, besieged in garrison by a hundred or more agency-fed redskins, who had obviously succeeded in heading off couriers going toward the military posts, and proposed to starve us out. And we were in a sad way. There was plenty of water, but provisions were getting distressingly low, and, worse still, our supply of ammunition could not hold out much longer.

It was a very dejected lot of men that gathered together that August mornig in Higgins', which was our "fort," and discussed the situation. It had come to pass that, unless help arrived very, very soon, we must manage to get a courier through to the fort—an undertaking that, more than likely, meant death to the man attempting it. In this emergency arose old Bill.

"I'll go—t'night," said he. "I got nobody t' keer f'r me; no chick n'r child. I'm nearly seventy years old, an' not long f'r this world, anyhow. 'Course, I'm a tenderfoot, but I c'n try t' git through, anyhow."

It must be confessed, to our everlasting discredit, that we saw the logic of Bill's arguments, and the protests against his proposition were few and insincere. That night, mounted on the best horse in camp, and heavily armed, Bill Ijams went out into the darkness, to give up what remained of his miserable, mistaken life for others

He must have got lost in the hills that night; for when the reds sighted him next day he was only a few miles on his way. He gave them a running fight for several miles, but was finally hit by a stray shot and obliged to seek cover in the rocks. He made a good fight for his ebbing life, as the empty cartridge shells around the rocks where he had sought refuge amply proved

We found him the second day after he left us, stark naked and horribly mutilated. In his tightly clenched left hand was a scrap of paper, evidently overlooked by his murderers. On it was hastily written:

"Boys: They've got me, and I can see them crawling up. Good-by.—BILL. P S.—Just got one. Maybe Nisby can make a story out of this"

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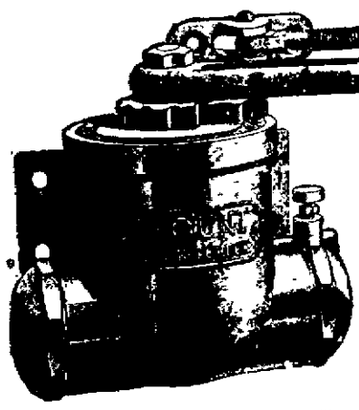

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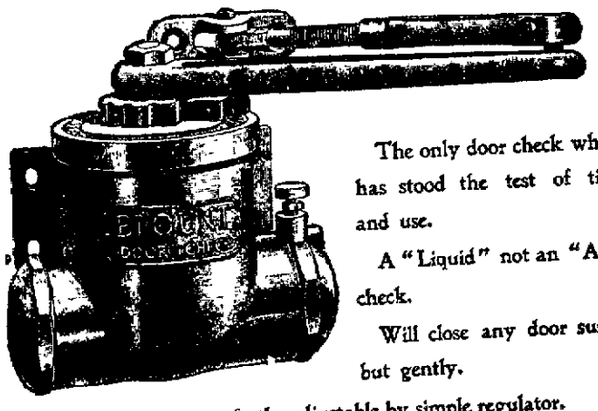

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ROYAL NEIGHBORS AT HOME.

Ladies Give a Fine Entertainment and a Calico Ball.

Last night the members of Bay Leaf Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, gave an entertainment and calico hop at the new Knights of Pythias hall in Powers' block. The attendance was quite large, the company numbering about 400. All had a good time. The program was:

Instrumental Solo—May Hall.
Recitation—Katie Grove.
Duet—Edna and Pearl Slifer.
Reading—Mrs. Kazar.
Piano Solo—Leona Jones.
Recitation—Pearl Slifer.
Song—Inez Kincaid.
Reading—Mrs. Kate Sullivan.
Piano Solo—May Hall.

The numbers were all well rendered and were greeted with frequent applause. After the program dancing commenced in the drill hall. A program of twenty numbers was danced, the music being furnished by the "Weary Walkers" mandolin orchestra. The ladies of the camp served ice cream and cake throughout the evening and quite a neat sum was realized. The dress given to the lady with the neatest calico costume was won by Miss Alice Abrams.

WILL GIVE A BIKE SHOW.

Decatur Wheelmen Met and Elected Officers—George Hart President.

Last night the Decatur wheelmen held a meeting for the election of officers and to talk over affairs affecting cycle interests. These officers were elected:

President—George Hart.
Vice President—Charles Armstrong.
Secretary and Treasurer—Henry Marcott.
Captain—Ralph Conklin.
First Lieutenant—George Allen.
Second Lieutenant—Arthur Fulmer.

The matter of getting up a bicycle show was talked over and the following committee appointed to look into the matter and to wait on business men and talk it over with them: B. L. Weaver, chairman; George Hart, Jake Latham, Henry Marcott, Charles Armstrong, Harry Shlaudeman and Frank Deetz. Harry Shlaudeman presented the club with an interesting present in the way of seventy-five photographs taken on his European tour in 1893 while he was traveling on his wheel in company with Charles Traver

A NEW PASTOR.

Call to Rev. Marion Stevenson Accepted—Coming on Friday.

The members of the Edward street Christian church have in regular form asked Rev. Marion Stevenson of Canton, Ill., to become pastor of the church. He has accepted the call, and will arrive in Decatur this week with his wife and three children. Elder Stevenson is 37 years old and has had several good appointments and has done excellent work in the places where he has worked. He has been preaching for nine years. He was educated in Eureka and in Kentucky. He preached three years at Monmouth and five years at Canton. He was liked well at both places and comes here with the best of recommendations. A year ago his health commenced to fail him and he went into the evangelistic field and as the work agreed with him he is now recovered.

James O'Neill in Monte Cristo.

It is all very well for people to say "why doesn't James O'Neill get a new romantic play?" There are two very important reasons; one is that nobody has been able to write a romantic play for Mr. O'Neill, for while many thousands have been presented to him, he has found none that will suit him. Another reason is that "Monte Cristo" is as popular as ever. If the story told at the box office is true, Mr. O'Neill's investments from the money he has made from "Monte Cristo" include a mine in Colorado, a farm in Jersey, two houses on the boulevard, New York City, three houses in Kansas City, half of the suburbs outside of Denver, an orange grove in California, and five houses in New London, Conn., where he makes his home. Dumas is dead, but Monte Cristo is certainly not, as far as Mr. O'Neill is concerned. At the Grand Saturday, Feb. 6.

A Card of Interest

To your pocketbook, a very essential item at the present time; investigate its benefits by calling for one at the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., who at all times handle the very best of what the market affords by a specialty house, prepared to cater to the trade desiring everything fresh and wholesome. For this week we offer you in this line: Red snapper, black bass, croppie, pickerel, blue fish, lobster, mackerel direct from their native swimming grounds, trout, white, boned herring, buffalo. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344.

To Attend a Dinner.

The following ladies went to Maroa today to attend a dinner party which was given by Mrs. Will Schenck at her home in that town. Mrs. F. W. Haines, Mrs. W. P. Shade, Mrs. E. W. Anderson, Mrs. Phil Bury, Mrs. J. M. Patterson, Mrs. W. F. Busher, Mrs. A. T. Summers and Mrs. George Myers.

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Clinton Public: The necessary amount of stock to secure the entry of the Inter-State Telephone company into Clinton has been subscribed. It will be built to Clinton in about ninety days, coming from Decatur and Weldon, and going to Farmer City and Bloomington, provided these cities desire telephone connection through this company. This company is capitalized for $50,000, the people building the line at a cost of about $38,000, the projectors receiving $12,000. It is a co-operative concern, and as the telephone business is 70 per cent. profit when receiving a fair patronage, the principal users will receive this benefit as they are given free service.

Modern Woodmen Chief Officers.

J. H. Kingsley, T. J. Osborn, Budd Florey, Frank Sanford, W. H. Black and Frank Easterly attended the state biennial meeting of the Modern Woodmen at Springfield yesterday. J. H. Kingsley was elected as one of the delegates to attend the head camp at Dubuque, Iowa, June 1. The following state officers were elected:

Consel—W. J. Dustin.
Advisor—C. E. Hobart
Banker—R. E. Bolles.
Clerk—W. R. Stone.
Escort—M. Gebhart.
Watchman—S. M. McGuire.
Sentry—William Lutz.
Physician—J. C. Dodds.
Managers—Higgins, Eiller, Elliott, Kellogg and Mahoney.

New Manager at Lincoln.

J. A. Ferguson of Morris, Ill., is the new manager of the electric street railway at Lincoln, succeeding Louis Senseny. The line was built in 1892 and is owned by J. T. Heblit, W. H. Traner, H. C. Quisenberry and E. D. Blinn, who are interested to the extent of $50,000. These gentlemen must suffer if the line fails. The collapse of the Lincoln electric street railway company will affect Lincoln's reputation and standing in the commercial world, and efforts will be made to have it continue until summer, when the business situation may change and the line may derive revenue to tide over the troubles until prosperity is restored and when extensions and improvements can be added. Lincoln's electric street railway may then become a paying investment and exist as an evidence of that city's progress and advancement.

Promotions to the High School.

The following pupils from the ward schools were admitted Tuesday to the High school:

Pinkie Collins, Ethel Wood, Fannie Kirk, Lula Brandenburg, Ida Mann, Lulu Kelley, Allie Jordan, Nellie Painter, Anna Chenoweth, Pansy Shroll, Effie White, Jessie Fell, Ethel Hoyland, Clara Hanna, Julia Curran, Jessie Penhallegon, Nellie Crockett, Ida Mills, Effie Wayne, Lucy Cloyd, Florence Jones, Fannie Bierwirth, Bertha Heminger, Maude Earnest, Irene Minor, Estelle Nicholls, Minnie Fremont, Allie Watkins, Cora Downing and Frank Beall, Faris Wilson, Eddie Grubel, Harry Hunter, Chester Smith, Harry Hannum, Clinton Damrow, Richard Lloyd, Lewis Hanks, Willie Eberly, Charles Williams, Edward Hitchcock, Bernard Grenlicker, Edgar Stimmel and John Nims.

Hoyt's "A Temperance Town."

With such an excellent cast as that which will present Hoyt's "A Temperance Town" at the opera house for an engagement of one night, Monday, Feb. 8, there can be no doubt but that the play will be witnessed by a large audience. "A Temperance Town" has been presented with great success throughout the country, and comes to us with the original cast headed by those very funny men, George Richards and Eugene Canfield. They will be assisted by a number of clever players, who have distinguished themselves by the performance of their respective characters in this play, and who have been identified with it ever since its first production. Among those most prominent are Arthur Gregory, Richard Dillon, E. F. Nagle, Frank A. Lyons, Herman Sheldon and the Misses Marie Uart, Sallie Stembler, Gertrude Perry, Julia Gilroy and Laura Ayers. A carload of special scenery and properties will be brought here and "A Temperance Town" will be presented in a thoroughly first class manner.

Death of I. W. Adkesson.

Isaac W. Adkesson, father of C. B. Adkesson of this city, died on Tuesday at Taylorville, of pneumonia, aged 76 years. Mr. Adkesson was with his father when he died. The deceased was born March 24, 1821, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, removing in his infancy to Zanesville, Ohio, where he resided until 1844, when he moved to Rochester, Sangamon county, Illinois. Here, two years later, he was married to Mrs. Lucy Morgan, who survives him, and who joined him in the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary on the second day of last August. Since his sixteenth year Mr. Adkesson has been a member and a faithful follower of the tenets of the M. E. church. The major portion of his life was spent at farming near Rochester, but in 1883 he removed to Taylorville and for ten years was in the employ of Columbus White, the lumber dealer. Besides his widow, now aged 84 years, he leaves three brothers and three sisters, a son, C. B. Adkesson of Decatur, a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Barr, of Taylorville, six grand children and four great grand children to mourn his death. The funeral was held today.

GRAND ARMY POST.

Speech by Gen. Marden—The Gordon Lecture—W. R. C. Initiation.

The regular meeting of Dunham Post, No. 141, G. A. R., was largely attended last night. General George A. Marden of Lowell, Mass., was present and he favored the comrades with a most excellent patriotic address.

W. F. Calhoun, K. Harwood and C. M. Imboden were appointed as a committee to take full charge of arrangements for the lecture of General John B. Gordon on "The Last Days of the Confederacy" to be delivered at the opera house on Monday evening, March 29.

Initiation at Home.

Yesterday afternoon an interesting and unusual initiation into the ranks of Dunham Relief corps occurred. The candidate was Mrs. Samantha Dempster of 1156 East William street. Mrs. Dempster has been ill and was unable to attend the meeting of the society at its hall so a special dispensation was secured and yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock Mrs. Susie H. Abel, president of the society, and thirty members journeyed to Mrs. Dempster's home, where the initiation ceremonies were conducted and the invalid declared a full fledged member.

A VETERAN READER'S VERDICT.

L. R. Morse Writes from Ft. Smith, Ark., to Renew His Subscription.

L. R. Morse, a former resident of Illini township, Macon county, now located at Ft. Smith, Ark., writes us under date of Feb. 1, to renew his subscription to the Weekly Republican and New York Tribune. Mr. Morse is one of our oldest subscribers, having received every copy of the weekly since the first issue in 1867, thirty years ago. In closing his very agreeable letter Mr. Morse says:

Eds. Republican: Accept my kind regards. During the canvass of '96 I read many papers, New York, Chicago, St. Louis and others, but no paper came to me which was more level headed or that exhibited better judgment or greater ability in handling the important issues of the campaign that the Decatur Republican. It reaches me at the close of the week and after exhausting all the others I have always found in its editorials something new or better presented than any of the others had furnished. I have taken it since its first issue and intend to continue to do so to the end. I congratulate you on the sterling excellence of the Decatur Republican. Very respectfully,

L. R. Morse.

EASY TO GET FAT

If Your Drink is Right

Skinny people generally are so, because of their inability to digest the food which is passed from the stomach into the bowels. The bowel digestion is weakened. Starches of the grains make fat tissue, but if the bowel digestion is weakened by coffee, tobacco, whiskey, etc., the person remains skinny. Leave off the weakening habits and use in place of coffee, Postum Cereal, the health coffee. It is made by the Postum Cereal Co. (Lim.), Battle Creek, Mich., entirely of grains, and is fattening. It looks like the finest Mocha coffee. Persons who care to lay aside their hurtful habits and eat plain well cooked food and some fruit, and drink Postum Cereal Food Coffee, will feel a great improvement in a week's time. Nature is a powerful builder if left to work without drugs and poisons.

It should not be forgotten that 80 per cent of the body is liquid, therefore a healthful liquid is of the greatest necessity.

Wily grocers sometimes work in cheap imitations of Postum Cereal Coffee if the customer will stand it.

"Human Hearts" To-Night.

The Ottumwa Democrat says: "Manager Patterson of the Grand, is entitled to the thanks of Ottumwa theatre goers for the magnificent attraction "Human Hearts,' which was presented here last night. Notwithstanding the cold weather the house was well filled and all were thoroughly pleased, and many pronounced 'Human Hearts' the very finest play seen here this season, and the story was well acted by a cast of exceptional strength. The scenic effects were complete in every detail. The company is composed of artists of a high order, and the play is a wonderfully beautiful and pathetic one, bringing tears to the eyes of many of the spectators. It was simply grand in every particular."

The attraction will be at the Grand this city tonight.

Held for Murder.

At Taylorville yesterday Edgar O. Hamilton and Mattie Armstrong had a preliminary hearing for the murder of an infant, the child of Harry Adams of Morrisonville, and Miss Cora Kline. At its birth it is alleged that the Armstrong woman was engaged by Hamilton to give the babe a dose of laudanum and that death resulted. The defendants were held to answer. They are in the Taylorville jail.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Increasing cloudiness tonight; rain or snow; warmer Thursday; easterly winds increasing Thursday.

The investigation of the outrage perpetrated by certain students belonging to the University of Illinois does not seem to be a white washing affair.

Van Cleve is reported in all the Chicago papers as having returned to his desk in the city clerk's officer, but none of the papers have gone into ecstacies over his appointment as a general or something of that sort by Governor Tanner.

President Kreuger is reported as saying: "If England wants my country let her come and get it." England has mixed with the Boers on two occasions and may not want to go out to get it seeing that Kruger is so pleasant about it.

If Spain expects the change of administration in this country will not affect our relations to the contest in Cuba she had better cease killing women and children. True Americans will not long endure that sort of outrage upon civilization and a true American will be president after March 4.

Some reformer has introduced a bill in the legislature which provides for paying a bounty of not to exceed 10 cents per head for dead crows. What is the matter with the crow anyway. He has been in the country since the flood perhaps and has never ruined it nor even brought it into contempt. It may be true that his flesh is not palatable, but no one can be forced to eat crow unless he chooses to do so. Let the crow alone. He is a great scavenger and sticks to his job.

It is reported that President Cleveland is indignant over the action of the foreign affairs committee in amending the general arbitration treaty and is reported as saying that with these amendments the treaty will not be accepted by Great Britain. This leads us to suspect, more than ever, that the treaty is a dangerous affair for the United States and ought to be killed promptly. The quicker the better for where there is no benefit to the United States in sight there is no reason to suspect that England secured the long end of the lever in the arrangement.

The South Carolina legislature is in favor of the ratification of the anglo-American aribtration treaty while the Illinois legislature is opposed to it. This of course is a disagreement but it is a disagreement without a difference for there is no more danger of a war with England without a treaty than there would be with a treaty. The difference is that by a treaty the United States endangers its rights while without a treaty England so far for eighty-four years has respected our rights and has always conceded them in diplomacy rather than again take the chances she took in the war of 1812.

How John Hay Got His Start.

Kansas City Star: Ex Attorney General Williams of Kansas, lived at Quincy, Ill., in his boyhood. At Warsaw, in the next county on the north, lived John Hay, afterward President Lincoln's private secretay and now slated by Mr. McKinley, it is said, to succeed Mr. Bayard as the American minister at the court of St. James. Mr. Hay was a country poet in those days—the "Unlettered Bard" he subscribed himself. He wrote a quality of poetry that made Mr. Williams tired, and his rural airs and manners were simply killing to the practical Quincy boy.

"I'll drive that fellow off the river," Mr. Williams declared one day, and so he did.

Mr. Williams got himself together one day and wrote the rottenest sort of alleged verses. These he signed "The Unbuttered Bard" and caused them to be printed on coarse brown wrapping paper such as grocers used in those days. Then he stole up to Warsaw, and in the dead hour of night he posted the "Unbuttered Bard's" verses all over town.

This took the conceit out of Hay in an hour. A stern resolve came into his face, and the next week he left the town, going to Springfield, where Lincoln took him into his law office, and afterward installed him in the White House as his private secretary.

"Whatever John Hay is or will be," Mr. Williams once said to a reporter for the Star, "I made him. If I had not caused him to see himself as others saw him he would never have left Warsaw, and leaving Warsaw is what gave him the start."

Poor Diplomacy.

The Chicago Journal: Mr. Olney probably begins to realise now that he should have brought the senate within the field of his diplomacy. At least two of the members of the committee on foreign relations who voted against reporting the arbitration treaty favorably were influenced primarily by hatred of the administration. It is Cleveland rather than England that has aroused the ire of Morgan and Daniel. Moreover, when the treaty is taken up for discussion by the whole chamber it will be found that others of the silver Democarts are in full accord with them. The desire to thwart Cleveland will make the issue for these men no matter what the merits of the question may be.

But the temper of the senators is no more notorious now than it was when Mr. Olney took occasion to show how great his contempt for senatorial opinion was. For our present purpose it is needless to inquire whether he was right or wrong in his contention that recognition of a new foreign government was a matter for executive action exclusively. Admitting that he was right, it was still a foolish thing for him to add to the animosity of the very men to whom he was soon to appeal for support. The way in which he went about the business was gratuitously insulting. It was altogether unprecedented in our political annals. By means of a newspaper interview he attempted an anticipatory veto upon prospective legislation and he made the wording as offensive as possible. The senate was held up to public scorn as a body of incompetent and pretentious busybodies.

But whatever we may reason out of the constitution and precedent on the subject of recognition there is no denying that this same senate is a constituent part of the treaty making power. It is in the end just as much a part of it as the president, so that the detractor of yesterday is in the position of a suppliant today. Both Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney have set their hearts upon this arbitration agreement and they must reflect biterly enough that if they had encouraged the spirit of arbitration and compromise in their relations with the senate instead of giving way to a truculent self-assertion they would be much nearer the goal of their ambition now.

MATINEE LECTURE ON FOOD.

An Entertainment of Real Value.

Let no housekeeper overlook Mr. Worrell's lecture in the opera house Friday afternoon. The entire range of food will be discussed. The lecture will be valuable, not only for the knowledge it will impart in dietetics, but for its many practical points which in no other way could be so concretely presented. There will be a magnificent platform exhibit of raw food products, many of them obtained from the botanical museum of Harvard University at Cambridge. Every seat reserved for housekeepers. Admission by ticket only. None but housekeepers can secure them, free, at the opera house drug store.

Niantic.

Rev. Carter, of Hammond, closed an interesting revival at the M. E. church last week.

Mrs. Abigail Wilks, who has lain ill for six months, is failing rapidly.

Frank Beult has moved his family into their new home, purchased from A. W. Wells.

Our merchants have been quite busy putting up ice during the cold weather the past week.

Elder and Mrs. Ennefer, Misses Jennie Corbett and Etta Irwin, were shoping in Decatur Saturday.

B. H. Armstrong and wife are cosily established in their new home.

Miss Pearl McElroy returned Friday after a three weeks' visit with Springfield relatives.

Prof. M. E. Lockhart, principal of our schools, is on the sick list.

Elder Ennefer is conducting a series of meetings at the Christian church.

John Henebry, Jr., visited Riverton Monday.

Mrs. Mary A. Foster has been ill for several weeks but is improving.

J. S. Danely and wife moved from near Argenta to the home of Mr. Danely's mother last week.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 3, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to S. Z. Layter, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
February	—	—	—	73½
May	76	76½	74⅞	75⅞
July	72	72⅞	71½	71½
Corn—				
February	—	—	—	22
May	24¼	24½	24	24
July	25⅞	25⅞	25½	25½
Oats—				
February	—	—	—	15¼
May	18	18	17⅝	17⅞
Pork—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	7.70	7.70	7.55	7.55
Lard—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	3.92½	3.92½	3.85	3.87
Ribs—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	3.92½	3.92½	3.85	3.87½

May wheat: puts, 73⅞c; calls, 75⅞c; curb, 74⅞.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—28. Estimated, 28. Year ago, 145.
Corn—336; Estimated, 390; a year ago, 203.
Oats—184; Estimated, 240; a year ago, 145.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 17; Corn, 575; oats, 264.
Hog receipts 35,000; estimated, 35,000. Market steady.
Light, $3.30@3.45; Mixed $3.25@3.45; Heavy $3.25@3.40; Rough $3.15@3.20.
Estimated for to-morrow, 36,000.
Cattle receipts, 12,500: market steady.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Feb. 3.—Corn, steady, new, No. 2, white, 19½c; oats, quiet, No. 2, white, 20@20½c; Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Butter, steady, creamery, 12@21c; Eggs, steady, 13@17c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Wheat, May, 81½c; Corn, May, 29⅞c; oats, May, 22c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 3.—Wheat, cash, 88¼c; May, 83c; Corn, cash 19⅞; May, 21⅝; Oats, cash, 17c; May, 18.

BERTHOLDE, THE DWARF.

His Shrewd Answers at the Court of a Lombard King.

Mary Shears Roberts, in her series of "Historic Dwarfs," contributes an article on Berthelde to St. Nicholas. Berthelde was an Italian, and one day he made his way to the palace of Alboin, king of the Lombards, at Verona, and boldly seated himself in an empty chair next the throne.

The courtiers were as much surprised at his audacity as they were amazed at his grotesque appearance; but the Lombard chieftain smiled grimly upon the intruder and inquired of him "what he was, when he was born and in what country?"

"I am a man," replied the dwarf, whereupon the attendants went off into fits of laughter. "I was born when I came into the world, and the world itself is my country."

King and couriers now began to realize that they had a shrewd little imp before them, and they commenced to ply him with questions of all kinds. The asking of conundrums was a sort of trial of wit to which sovereigns were much given at this period of history.

"What thing is that which flies the swiftiest?" asked one.

"Thought," replied Bertholde, promptly.

"What is the gulf that is never filled?"

"The avarice of the miser," was the ready answer of the quick-witted dwarf.

"What trait is the most hateful in young people?"

"Self-conceit, because it makes them unteachable."

"How will you catch a hare running?" inquired the king.

"I'll stay till I find her on the spit."

"How would you bring water in a sieve?"

"I'd wait till it was frozen," answered the dwarf, readily.

The king was delighted. "For so clever a rejoinder," he said, "you shall have from me anything you may desire."

"Oh, no!" cried Bertholde, with a mocking laugh. "I shall have nothing

SEATED NEXT THE THRONE.

of the sort. You cannot give me what you do not possess. I am in search of happiness, of which you have not a particle. So how can you give me any?"

"How!" exclaimed the king. "Am I not happy on so elevated a throne?"

"Yes, you are, if the happiness of a man consists in the height of his seat."

Then Alboin referred to his kingly power and dignity, and the dwarf retorted with another mocking laugh; and when the king called attention to the nobles and courtiers about him, Bertholde with a sneer remarked: "Oh, yes, they cluster round your throne; so do hungry ants round a crab-apple, and with the same purpose—to devour it."

"Well said," spake the king, keeping his temper; "but all this does not prevent me from shining among them, as the sun among the stars."

"True, but tell me, shining Sun, how many eclipses you are obliged to suffer in a year? For the continual flattering of these men must now and then darken your understanding."

"For this reason you would not be a courtier?" inquired his majesty, whose fingers began to play upon his sword in a threatening manner.

"Miserable as I am, I should be sorry to be placed in the rank of slaves," replied the dwarf. "Besides, I have not the necessary qualities to succeed in this fine employment."

"What then do you seek at my court?" asked the king in an angry tone.

"Something I have not been able to find there," answered Bertholde. "I was told that a king was as much above common men as a tower is above common houses; I find, as I suspected, that sovereigns are honored more than they deserve."

This was a little too much. The king lost his patience, and commanded the dwarf jester to leave the palace immediately or he would have him whipped out of court.

He Had Earned the Bribe.

Young people have a certain sense of right and wrong which is not easily deceived. A Maine physician tells a story about one of his patients, a small boy, who for a long time resolutely refused to take the prescribed medicine. Finally the doctor offered him five cents if he would take it. The offer was accepted, the medicine taken, and the physician handed him the money. "Aren't you going to thank the doctor?" asked the mother, at the conclusion of the performance. "No, I'm not," replied the boy, stoutly. "I don't thank people for paying me what I earn."

A Fairy's Washday.

A fairy washerwoman down in a dell
Set her acorn-cup tubs under a drooping harebell,
She washed her clothes—queer little duds—
With the greatest of care in sea-foam for suds.
To make them look as good as new,
She rinsed them well in the fresh morning dew,
And for indigo used a bit of blue sky;
Then, on a cobweb for clothes-line, they were hung up to dry.

—Outlook.

ALL THIS WEEK.

Continuation of that Great Basement Sale

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Blue Mound.

Miss Edith Lively is suffering from a severe attack of tonsilitis.

W. W. Day of Decatur was here on business Monday morning.

The roads are in finer shape for hauling now than at any time before during this winter.

Joseph Winter is the victim of an ugly carbuncle on his neck.

It is reported that a large fox has been seen on our streets several evenings recently.

L. L. Wood of Decatur stopped off here a few minutes Tuesday evening.

Tobe Ward of Decatur was the crier at the Levi Baughman sale Tuesday.

Oscar Lorton went to Taylorville Tuesday to sell his favorite extracts.

John Heidlebaugh was in Decatur Monday and Tuesday on business.

Winter & Crites, manufacturers of broom factory on Center street, are turning out a large amount of extra grade brooms. They are experienced workmen and are deserving of a large patronage.

Corn is coming to town at a lively rate now. Hill Brothers received 101 wagon loads Monday and 144 loads Tuesday, aggregating about 12,000 bushels, the price paid being 17 cents a bushel.

At the Building and Loan Association Tuesday evening $600 was bid off at a premium of 21½ per cent. P. L. Vancleve was the lucky bidder.

Richard Peel has moved from Mt. Auburn to this village.

Mr. Curry of the Decatur Review was here Monday and appointed M. H. Myers as local agent for that paper.

Rev. B. F. Thrasher, who committed suicide at Bondville last week, was a resident of this town about two years, removing from here about six years ago. He had charge of the Elwin United Brethren circuit for about a year, but the salary was so small he could not support his family and he abandoned it and engaged with Mr. E. E. Lemmon in the law and real estate business for about a year, when he was admitted to the M. E. conference and removed to Rushville, Ill. Mr. Thrasher was well liked by everybody here and much sympathy is felt by our people for the bereaved family.

Our village lawmakers passed the "curfew ordinance" Monday evening. The ordinance will be in effect March 1st. After that date all boys and girls under 14 years of age are required to be at their homes by 8 o'clock at night, and if caught on the streets or alleys after that hour they will be arrested and fined not les than $1.00 nor more than $3. The ringing of a bell will be the signal for the homeward skedaddle. A good many of our citizens doubt the wisdom of the act. They say it is the old story over again, of trying to imitate some other town or city, and to "look big" in other people's eyes. The ordinance will add considerable expense to the village and make the already excessive taxes a little higher, and no probability of the ordinance ever being enforced.

Condensed Testimony.

Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprieror St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by la grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinsville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, always keeps it on hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. At West's drug store.

The police of Clinton have been supplied with batons twenty-two inches in length.

Chicora, Pa., "Herald:" Richard Vensel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vinsel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectoration very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Tickets Free to Housekeepers Only.

POWERS'
...GRAND OPERA HOUSE...
Friday Afternoon, Feb. 5.

Doors open at 2 o'clock. Commences at 2:30 o'clock. (Standard Time.)

MR. E. B. WORRELL of Boston,
the well known public exponent of
FOOD SUBJECTS
Will address the housekeepers of this city.
Tickets may now be obtained free at the Opera House Drug Store.

A Souvenir Box of Cocoa and Chocolate Preparations, including that delicious confection
VANILLA SWEET CHOCALATE
will be given to each lady present.

Stage exhibit of Raw Food Products from the BOTANICAL MUSEUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, MASS.

No person admitted without a ticket.

YOU...

Will yet need Heavy Clothing. The coldest part of the Winter season is still to come. You cannot afford to freeze when you can buy clothing at such remarkably low prices as we sell them.

Our prices are as low as the *Lowest.* We do not ask you to take our assertion for this. Look elsewhere first, come to us, and then let your judgment solve the question.

B. STINE CLOTHING CO.,

245-249 NORTH WATER ST.

NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.

WE ARE NOT ASLEEP!

Cheap Goods are the order of the day, and just now we are offering some

CHEAP STATIONERY.

HOW IS THIS FOR A FLYER?

50 Reams Hurd's Fine Stationery at 10c per Quire, Envelopes to Match, 10c Package.

20 DIFFERENT KINDS TO SELECT FROM.

BOX PAPERS at Almost Nothing.

24 Sheets Paper and 24 Envelopes for..... 5 cents
24 Sheets Paper and 24 Envelopes for..... 10 cents
24 Sheets Paper and 24 Envelopes for..... 15 cents

And up to the finest made—the largest lot in the city. Don't forget the place

SAXTON'S BOOK STORE,
THE RELIABLE BOOK DEALER.

...LEONARD STORE NOW OPEN...

All Goods at Fire Sale Prices.

COME AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. The fire loss of December 28 has been adjusted and all new and slightly damaged goods—as good as new—will go at astonishingly low figures. Come early. Dry Goods, Groceries—everything, are in THE GREAT BARGAIN SALE.

LEONARD'S Department Store, —333— North Water Street
NEW TELEPHONE, 248.

J. B. Bullard,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR.
SYNDICATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.,

Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault. Residence 262 West William street. Residence Telephone 128. Office, 125.

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Grocery House an

Goods to Suit The Most Fastidious.

We carry a stock second to none in the State, as most of our Decatur friends are aware, especially those who have visited our store and been shown through the immense stock of Table "Luxuries and Delicacies" from almost every clime. We are emboldened by the patronage of the past week to keep in stock goods of a grade to be able fo say "NONE BETTER." We take great pleasure in putting this high grade of goods before you, feeling you appreciate our untiring effort to give you the best and the value of your money. Our long experience is a safeguard around your orders left with us, and we do not hesitate to say any orders entrusted to our care, either in person or by telephone, in both Grocery and Meat Departments, will meet with the most careful attention. Upon this basis we invite you to become a customer, you being the judge and jury, rendering your own verdict in accordance with the evidence, we submitting.

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"Store Crowding" Prices.

Referring to the popular and successful sale of our dollar (49 lb. sack) flour last week, known as "Beckwith's Cream Patent," we have concluded to continue the sale two more days that those who wish to take advantage of it may have the opportunity. This is our $1.25 flour reduced to $1. None better—strictly hard wheat and warranted in every particular.

We also quote you for two days only (unless sooner sold:)

1 gal. can Apples.....25c
1 gal. can Apricots.....25c
1 gal. can Peeled Peaches.30c
Choice June Peas.....05c
Choice(genuine)Sugar Corn 05c

These goods are all marked down 25 per cent. from their real value—30 per cent. below the usual selling prices the country over. Our stock of heavy groceries is up to date and at prices to suit your pockbooks. We have bargains for you. It is not our fault you pass them by. In fact our store is full of goods and plenty of competent clerks to give you quick service. In short we have one of the best Grocery Houses and Markets in the state for you to trade in, both being models of neatness, and always supplied with what you want.

Inour Meat Department we can give you some low prices for Chuck, Soup Bones, Flanks, Etc.

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YOUR—

Old Gold and Silver.

Highest Market Price in Merchandise at Lowest Cash Value.

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TO CLOSE...

BIG LINE—

Heavy Gloves and Mitts.
Heavy Underwear.
Heavy Socks and Mittens.
HeavySkirts and Stockings.

Don't be deceived by BIG ADS. Our expenses are small. We can and will meet ANY COMPETITION.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. M. W. Shultz is recovering from an attack of illness.

William Gebhart left yesterday on a business trip to Houston, Texas.

D. S. Shellabarger went to Kansas City last night on a business trip.

Mrs John Scott is very sick at her home, 548South Jackson street.

Supt. Graves, of the I. D. & W. road, was in the city this morning on business.

B. N. Hinkle will leave to-night for Indianapolis, Ind., where to-morrow he will attend the funeral of his sister.

Miss Grace Radcliff, who has been in the city visiting Mrs. Ernest Miller, left yesterday for her home in Fredricsbury, Md.

Mrs. J. C. Liens, of 1205 East Condit street, the diphtheria nurse, who met with an accident some weeks ago, is now able to get about her home with the aid of a cautch.

Allan Bevans, who started out on a business trip a short time ago, was forced to return home on account of illness. His father, J. H. Bevans, will make the trip in his place.

Rev. J. W. Tiff, of Carlinville, who has been assisting at the special meetings at the A. M. E. church, will deliver his last sermon to-night. It will be a Daniel's meeting. There have been several accessions to the church. Elder McCracken of Chicago is present.

SCIENTIFIC SELECTIONS.

The tide of the Bay of Fundy is the most remarkable in the world. It rises at the rate of a foot every five minutes, the water sometimes attaining the height of 75 feet.

A French scientist has enunciated the remarkable theory that the germ in the hen's egg is not destroyed by an electric current that would kill an adult fowl, but that the germ is so modified in most cases that a monstrosity will be hatched.

Nearly all of the large natural waterfalls of the United States are now being utilized for manufacturing purposes, and a plan is on foot to convert the rapids on the St. Lawrence into a motive power for the generation of electricity, to be distributed to nearby cities for lighting and manufacturing purposes.

Dr Burton Ward declares that there "is one infallible symptom indicating whether one is sane or not. Let a person speak ever so rationally and act ever so sedately, if his or her thumbs remain inactive there is no doubt of insanity. Lunatics seldom make use of their thumbs when writing, drawing or saluting."

An instrument has been invented by a Frenchman by means of which he can accurately determine the nutritive properties of vegetables, especially potatoes. The same apparatus may be used for determining the density of other farm products, such as beets and grain, a special scale being provided for each kind.

BICYCLE BUZZINGS.

The rider who says he can back-pedal down as long and steep a hill as can be ridden with a brake is either ignorant or a humbug.

Wood rims should be given a good coat of varnish after a year's use. No rim will stand exposure to mud and dust indefinitely unless taken care of.

The rubber-band fad is the silliest thing now going. The humming sound set up by the rush of air against the bands is dreary and monotonous. When the bands are nicely adjusted and high speed is maintained, the noise is loud and uncanny.

Through the efforts of the United States consul at Cologne, tourists will no longer be required to pay duty on their machines on entering Germany. Hereafter it will only be necessary to prove to the officials that the machines are articles of travel and not articles of commerce.

In Paris they have opened a public market for bicycles, just the same as other markets for the sale of horses, cattle or produce. All makes of wheels are here displayed, and, instead of running from store to store, the intending buyer has a choice of styles before his eye, and may pick without fear or favor. It is an idea worthy of imitation in this country.

FASHIONS IN BEAUTY.

In Spain even the youngest girls paint and powder absurdly, while in Venice the celebrated Titian red hair is still the rage and is obtained by chemical means.

African beauties must have very small eyes, thick, pouting lips, a large, perfectly flat nose and a jetty skin which, from constant oiling, positively glistens.

In Greenland the women color their faces with green and yellow pigment and the prettiest Muscovite maiden cannot hope for admiration until she has covered her fair complexion with coarse red and white paint.

In Persia an aquiline nose is a necessity to either male or female beauty and frequently out of a family of sons the accession to the throne has been decided by the shape of a nose. Red hair is viewed with horror and always dyed.

In China, where most eyes are narrow and long, a small, round eye is considered an extraordinary beauty. Chinese girls pluck their eyebrows to make them very fine. Turkish women paint their eyebrows with gold and at night the effect is very odd and not displeasing.

Mrs. Neva Cole, matron of the Children's Home, at Danville, is dangerously ill. She has pneumonia, complicated with measles.

"Phocion" Howard, son of the late noted Bohemian, has been appointed assistant Washington correspondent of the New York Sun.

SHELLABARGER'S WHITE LOAF PATENT DECATUR, ILLINOIS

TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level prairie, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one and can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business, have land to exchange for stocks of goods goods to exchange for lands. In fact can fit you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circulars on the country across the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.
BOLEN & LANNING.

Resolution Adopted.

At the regular meeting of Dunham Post No. 141, G. A. R., held last night the following resolution was unanimously adopted and copies directed to be sent to our representatives at Springfield.

"The national government having constituted the battlefield of Shiloh a national park and whereas numerous regiments and batteries from Illinois took part in the battle of Shiloh and it is desirable to have the position of each Illinois regiment and battery indicated in some permanent form.

Resolved, That the legislature of Illinois be urged to enact such legislation as will secure the object sought.

Certified to Too Much.

At the recent meeting of the town board at Mt. Zion it was ordered that a levy be made for $500 for township purposes. In certifying to the amount it appears that the town clerk made the sum $1663 instead of $500, and as the error cannot be corrected the taxpayers of Mt. Zion township will have to pay a little more cash for town purposes than is needed. But for two years there will be no levy by the board as the treasurer will have money on hand in advance to pay all obligations.

A Cousin of Engineer Barnett.

Judge Nathan Goff of Clarksburg, W. Va., whose picture appeared in the Republican of last evening, has been frequently mentioned in the newspapers as likely to be appointed postmaster general by President-elect McKinley. Judge Goff was secretary of the navy under President Hays. He is a cousin of John T. Barnett, engineer at the water works, and naturally Mr. B. has a personal interest in the career of the brother of his mother's sister. Judge Goff for a number of years has been in the midst of state and national politics.

Will Leave To-Night.

Dr. E. B. Walston and wife will leave this evening for Des Moines, Iowa, where they will make their home and where the doctor will practice his profession. Dr. Walston has been associated in business with his father, Dr. R. L. Walston for a number of years and was one of the prominent surgeons of the city. He has always been popular in medical and social circles and his many friends regret to have him leave the city.

Did You Ever

try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. 50c and $1.00 at West's drug store.

J. H. Dunlap has resigned his position as agent for the Illinois Central Railway company at Savoy, after a service of more than fifteen years. He was succeeded by his son, Burleigh H. Dunlap. J. H. Dunlap will operate the elevator at Savoy, and buy grain for R. G. Risser of Kankakee.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers These little pills never gripe. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The Central Street Railway company of Peoria has added a new engine to its equipment. The company now supplies cars at any hour of the day or night and social clubs have found it very convenient to have a car or two on hand in the early hours of the morning when the festivities are over to take them home.

The half-mile track at Glen Oak Park, Peoria, has been scraped and flooded and is now the perfection of skating ground.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

O. U. A. M.—Decatur Council, O. U. A. M., regular meeting in G. A. R. Hall this (Wednesday) evening, at 7:30. Business and work. S. FUNK, C. C. S. PRICE, R. S.

Take No Substitute..
Gail Borden
Eagle Brand
CONDENSED MILK
Has always stood FIRST in the estimation of the American People. No other is "just as good." Best Infant Food.

AT JOHNSTON'S...

151 N. Water Street.

LOW PRICES to Reduce Stock will Rule This Week.

20 PIECES	of Novelty Figured Dress Goods worth 25 to 35c	Out at 19c yard
25 PIECES	of All Linen Crash Toweling worth 8½c	Out at 5c yard
10 PIECES	Pure Linen Cream Table Damask worth 50, 60 and 65c	Out at 38c yard
25 PAIRS	of Heavy Grey Fleeced Blankets, sold at $1.00 pair	Out at 69c pair
37 HEAVY	Bed Comforts, Sold at $1.00	Out at 69c each
5 DOZEN	Ladies' Ribbed Wool Vests, have sole at 75c	Out at 35c each
23 MEN'S	Woolen Overshirts, worth $1.50 to $2.00	Out at 75c each
15 PAIRS	Ladies Beaver Cloth Overgaiters, worth 50 to 75c	Out at 25c
25 LADIES'	Figured Mohair Dress Skirts, worth $3.00	out at $1.98 ea.
200 LADIES'	Best Calico Wrappers at	98c each
Jackets and Capes,	the $7.50, $8.50, and $10 kind	Out at $5.00

Fur Capes Made Over into the Late Cape Collars.

Fur Capes, Jackets and Muffs Relined and Repaired.

☞ Always read our advertisement as you will always find goods just as advertised.

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H. L. OLDHAM, Agent.

OFFICE BULLETIN.

DR. JOHN T. MILLER, PHYSICIAN. SUITE 306.
DR. W. M. CATTO, ...PHYSICIAN... SUITE 309.
DR. B. L. MAIENTHAL, PHYSICIAN, SUITE 322.
DR. J. G. HARVEY, Will remove from Arcade Building to his new office, Suite 318, Orlando Powers' Building.
H. L. OLDHAM, Agent of the Building. ROOM 307.
C. S. HANKINS, Real Estate, Insurance and Loans. Suite 201.
UTLEY, IMPORTING TAILOR. ROOMS 202 & 204.
DR. O. T. EDDY, DENTIST. Suite 301 and 302.
DR. J. H. EDDY, Physician and Surgeon. SUITES 301 AND 302.
DR. N. D. MYERS, PHYSICIAN, SUITE 303.
DR. H. P. BACHMAN, ...DENTIST... SUITE 303.
DR. J. F. FRIBLEY, DENTIST. SUITE 304.
DR M. BRANDOM, OCULIST. SUITE 305.
DR. C. W. BRANDOM, OPTICIAN. SUITE 305.

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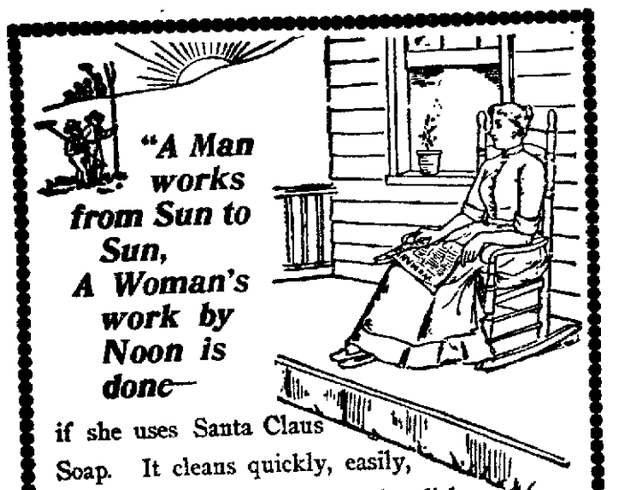

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if she uses Santa Claus Soap. It cleans quickly, easily, well, the clothes you wear, the dishes you use. In the laundry it saves clothes, and makes your work light. Get a cake of

SANTA CLAUS SOAP.

at once, and give it a trial. Sold everywhere.

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A NEW YEAR'S GIFT

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SICK AND SUFFERING

MORE VALUABLE THAN THE RICHEST GEMS.

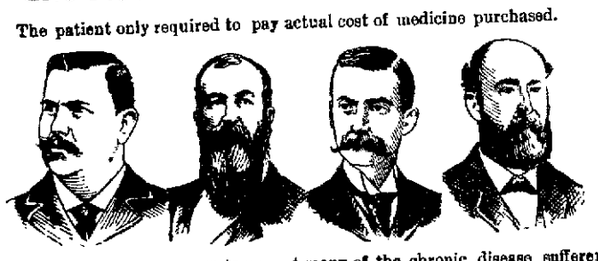
According to their usual custom once each year to give those who have never tried them an opportunity to test their ability to cure Drs. APPLEMAN and PRETTYMAN will upon their coming visit to Decatur,

At the St. Nicholas Hotel, Tuesday, Feb. 9th.

—9:00 A. M. TO 6:00 P. M.—

Give FREE Treatment to All the Afflicted.

The patient only required to pay actual cost of medicine purchased.



These doctors are well known to a great many of the chronic disease sufferers in our section as they have been making regular monthly visits here the past two years, and during that time have made many notable cures.

DR. APPLEMAN as has often been stated, is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital College where he spent years preparing himself for special work. He treats diseases of

MEN ONLY.

Young men, middle-aged men, old men, suffering from weakness, impaired memory, dizziness, loss of power, unpleasant dreams, blood poisoning, leakages, losses, etc., should not let this opportunity pass, as a trial treatment will satisfy even the most skeptical of his wonderful curative powers in these cases. Not one failure in over 400 cases treated the past year.

All treatment Free. No charge for professional services. The patient required to pay nothing except the cost of the medicines he uses. This applies to all who call, no matter what the nature of the malady.

To Help All. Any chronic sufferer, whatever the nature of the disease, may call upon these doctors and get the best aid known to enlightened medicine at the actual cost of the medicines. It is the spirit and purpose of their visits to bring to the treatment and cure of chronic diseases generally the great advantage they possess in successfully handling those stubborn seated disorders so prolific of human misery and so destructive to human life.

DR. PRETTYMAN is a graduate of College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. He has had many years of training in the great hospitals, and as has been demonstrated, his work has surpassed the expectations of everybody. He treats all

CHRONIC DISEASES.

Eye, ear, nose, throat, lungs, heart, stomach, liver, bowels and bladder. All diseases of women treated by his new method. Quick positive cures.

Working for a Principle, Not a Fee.

No pains will be spared to make his demonstration complete in each individual case. Every patient who receives this free treatment will receive, if possible, more earnest, careful and expensive care usual too. It is the success of the principle that inspires the effort and work in each case. Each case completely cured establishes the principle that these doctors have been trying to impress, that they can and do cure diseases. They will take a genuine pride in making their cure and treatment in every case under this free offer, if it could be possible, even better than under the regular fee.

A GENUINE OFFER.

Bear in mind this is a genuine offer, inspired by right, with the hope that the many who need special treatment will avail themselves of this great New Year's offering and rid themselves of the diseases that have troubled them for years.

COME AND SEE US.

No matter what form of chronic or nervous disease you have, see us. Remember the day and date.

...Tuesday, February 9th, 1897...

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL. ONE DAY ONLY.

BULL'S Cough Syrup

Is a remedy of sterling value. It positively cures all Bronchial Affections, Cough, Cold, Croup, Bronchitis and Grippe. You can always rely on it. DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is indispensable to every family. Price 25 cts. Shun all substitutes.

Show LANGE'S PLUGS, The Great Tobacco Antidote, 10c. Dealers or mail. J. C. Meyer & Co., Balto., Md.

FOUND IN THE SHOPS.

Luxurious slippers of quilted satin fur lined and trimmed.

French flannel dressing sacques with silk embroidered edges.

Gold chain purses having a semi-precious stone set in the top.

Umbrella cambric petticoats for house wear, with ecru lace.

Coiffure ornaments with aigrette mixed with sprays of rhinestones.

Plaid poplins for ladies' and misses' waists and little girls' frocks.

Fan and handkerchief bags of brocade ribbon and embroidery.

Dancing-school frocks of glace taffeta covered with white chiffon.

Girls' cheviot frocks decorated with cloth yokes braided in soutache.

Velvet capes having a lace flounce, satin lining and large fur collar.

Long black capes lined with black and white silk for elderly ladies.

Feather, aigrette, velvet and ribbon knots and tall cockades for the hair.

Empire, bolero, yoke, collarette and Marguerite designs in nightgowns.

Small nail polishers in a tray of celluloid, Dresden china, silver, wood, etc.

Light and medium plain colored flannels having a black dot for golf waists.

Pearl passementerie shading to blue for trimming turquoise evening gowns.

Large chiffon fichus having the ruffles edged with tiny black velvet ribbon.—Dry Goods Economist.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

The buildings comprising the Bank of England cover an irregular area of eight acres.

The lions of Mt. Atlas are far the largest of their species, and capable of enduring extreme cold, frequently traveling long distances through deep snow.

The leaf of the cocoanut is nearly 30 feet in length. A single leaf of the parasol magnolia of Ceylon affords shade for 15 or 20 persons.

A train running at 65 miles an hour would reach the sun in 175 years. At the rate of two cents a mile, the fare to the sun would be about $1,500,000.

The cries of sea birds, especially sea gulls, are very valuable as fog signals. The birds cluster on the cliffs and coast, and their cries warn boatmen that they are near the land.

In California fruit districts trees infected with insects are covered with huge canvas bags, which are afterwards filled with deadly gas for the purpose of destroying the insects.

At a recent meeting of the Paris Academy of Sciences M. Balland presented a memoir describing an analysis of a sample of rice over a century old. He found the rice only slightly defected in fat.

HEALTH NOTES.

Many children's diseases are preceded by the symptoms of a cold. When these are accompanied by signs of a rash, however slight, a physician ought to be sent for without delay.

Dr. Willing says: "A simple remedy for a cold in the head is the juice of a ripe lemon. This is squeezed into the hand and snuffed up the nose. Two or three applications may be necessary."

To cure redness of the hands, beat together an ounce of clear honey, an ounce of almond oil, the juice of a lemon and the yolk of a raw egg. Apply at night to the hands and cover with old gloves, slit across the palms.

The iodine treatment for toothache is as follows: Twist a piece of absorbent cotton on the end of a toothpick, dip in tincture of iodine and rub on the gums surrounding the aching tooth. One application is all that is needed.—Troy Times.

The Philadelphia Record recommends the following as a cure for muscular rheumatism: "Wear all-wool underclothing next to the skin, from the neck to the ankles; wear rubber overshoes in damp as well as in wet or snowy weather. Get 50 five-grain tablets of the carbonate of lithium; take one (dissolved) in a glass of water three or four times daily."

LETTER CARRIERS.

Plate numbers are increasing in demand among collectors, but amateurs had better not bother with them.

Some collectors are getting so finical that they insist on having the full original gum on all unused specimens.

The new catalogue shows advances in stamp prices, but nothing so radical as last year. Revenues show the greatest increase.

German East Africa is a colony which "prohibits the sale of its stamps for collecting purposes." Perhaps there is also a law which compels the purchasers of same to use them for postage, otherwise we fail to see how this ruling of the local postmaster can be effective.

The low value Columbians are being sold at a number of small offices in the west, and there are still several thousands of each of the three, four and five-dollar values to be had in Washington. These facts should be noted by collectors who are tempted to pay the premiums quoted by dealers.

SHORT NOTES OF SCIENCE.

The moon rotates on its axis in exactly the same period that it revolves around the earth.

An electric roller for massage purposes is composed of plates of copper and zinc and generates its own electricity.

The speculative astronomers are now arguing that the moon is in the shape of a plumb bob, and that the large end is always toward the earth.

Aluminum should always be used alone and pure, as it readily forms electric couples with every other metal and is then easily attacked by water.

Baron Kaulbars, a Russian astronomer, was led by his observations of the last solar eclipse to propound the theory that there are in the sun vast accumulations of electricity which influence comets and meteors.

ALUMINIUM AND ITS USES.

A recent invention in aluminium alloys is Wolframinium, discovered by William Berg, a German contractor of aluminium military equipments, who also invented the victoria alloy.

The production of aluminium has increased so enormously in the past decade that the development of working it has also been great, and we find results to-day which three years ago were hardly believed to be possible.

At the Rock Island arsenal a few meat cans have been made of stiffened aluminium sheets. These weigh but six ounces, while the regulation meat can of tinned iron for army uses weighs 16 ounces. The only fault found with the aluminium meat can is that if placed in a fire without food or some such material in it to conduct off the heat it will melt.

In this country the most promising alloy is nickel aluminium which, like the victoria alloy, seems to be remarkably well adapted for castings. In this form (castings) it has a tensile strength of 25,000 to 30,000 pounds per square inch with the rigidity of cast iron. Its specific gravity is 3.0, while its remarkable resilience and ductility fit it for use in many articles of military equipment.

In the German and French armies the application of aluminium and its alloys to military purposes has passed the experimental stage in several important articles of equipment. Canteens, cups, cooking utensils, etc., made of aluminium alloys can by means of stamping and spinning be made entirely without soldered joints, and however crushed and dented in service can readily be hammered back into shape.

ALL ABOUT SLEEVES.

Pretty sleeves of black satin fit close from shoulder to wrist and have an over draping of the material, lined with light colored satin and edged with rich lace. In velvet this is also very dressy.

To give the necessary breadth to an ordinary tight-fitting sleeve or leg of mutton design, tiny caps trimmed with three or four deep ruffles are added. These are edged with lace or ribbon, or are piped with velvet.

Undersleeves of sheer fabric arranged over silk or satin are very fashionable in dressy bodices. Brocade and satin are combined in the sleeves of reception gowns, and the mandolin and accordion designs are still in vogue for etamine, cheviot and similar woolen materials.

The question of sleeves is at present of paramount importance. They are changing in fashion so materially and are so varied and diversified in design that even gowns and bodices made a month ago must be entirely "overhauled" if one wants to look up to date.

In some cases a mere change of trimming and a slight tightening above the elbow will bring about the desired result, and a description of the very newest models will, perhaps, suggest a few welcome hints to the economical little woman who must do her own ripping and revising.

PUNS ABOUT WOMEN.

She—"I see they have now a 'woman's dictionary.' Do you suppose that differs from any other?" He—"Probably has more words in it."—Yonkers Statesman.

"Your fashionable woman seldom has a warm heart." "Well, it depends. If she has plump shoulders she doesn't mind much about her heart."—Detroit Tribune.

When the wife of a man whom you like catches you in an old morning gown why does she smile at you so sweetly and seem to be so fond of you?—N. Y. Press.

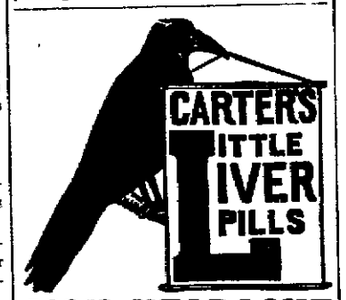
She—"Talk about women talking! If they are any worse than you men are when there is a campaign then I don't know a thing." He—"But you must bear in mind that we only get that way once in four years."—Indianapolis Journal.

Mr. Poeticus (who for the last half hour has been reading his latest epic poem): "Well, my dear, how do you think it goes?" Mrs. Poeticus (who has been gazing into the glass in an abstracted manner)—"Well, I'm afraid it's a little loose on the shoulder."—Harper's Bazar.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Mrs. Woodruff of Sullivan, sold to the city mills there, 800 bushels of wheat at 81 cents a bushel, being the largest wheat deal reported in the country.

C. C. Paddock the Vandalia conductor who retired from the road a year ago, to go to farming, has returned and has a passenger run out of Indianapolis.



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Well I should say we would do the business the way we have marked our goods. All our winter goods must go and we knew the prices would tell and that is the reason we are doing the BUSINESS; and we mean to keep on doing the business. Remember we carry the largest stock in Decatur to pick from from, and we carry the best style and fitting clothing in Decatur and at the lowest prices. No wonder we are doing the BUSINESS. Call before the bargains are gone.

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SHORT AND ENTERTAINING.

A Philadelphia grocer has this sign behind his counter: "The man who trusts is out."

A San Francisco beggar pays a boy a dollar a day to wheel him around the streets on his begging tours. He is made up as a helpless cripple.

A woman in Otsego, Mich., while sorting rags, found among them a dirty-looking envelope. She opened it and discovered therein $65 in greenbacks.

A milkman in South Bend, Ind., had diphtheria in his family and several of his patrons took the malady. It is asserted that the disease was spread by milk tickets.

A mustard pot which does not require the use of a spoon has been invented in Germany. The mustard is supplied through a little spout by pressure on a spring.

Wesley Dorsey, an aged colored man who was once the slave of Peter Shaffer, of Frederick county, Md., has just been declared the principal heir of his former master, and is to receive $175,000.

Instead of preaching the usual Sunday evening sermon, a clergyman in Chapman, Kan., commands the attention of his congregation by reading to them installments of a continued story, of which he is the author.

Long before his death, which occurred in 1778, Voltaire predicted that the Bible would be unknown in 100 years. Last year one society in London printed over 4,000,000 Bibles, or about 13,000 for every working day.

A prolonged yawn caused a man in Westwood, Mich., to dislocate his jaw, and for three days he could not close his mouth. Now when he yawns or smiles rather broadly he keeps his hand on his chin, fearing to open his mouth too wide.

NOBILITY'S HEAD COVERING.

A baron's crown is a velvet cap, with ermine border, but the coronet differs from that of the viscount in having eight pearls on the upper rim instead of 14, the latter number being the allowance of the viscount. In France the pearls are usually arranged in sets of three.

The Greeks gave a crown of laurel to the victor in the Pythian games, but the victor in the Olympian games had a crown of wild olives, the victor in the Nemean games a crown of green parsley, and the victor in the Isthmian games a crown of dry parsley or green pine leaves.

According to the most reliable English historians, Alfred the Great, in 1874, was the first English sovereign to wear a crown. From early inscriptions and historical records it appears that the Saxon kings before the time of Alfred wore simply a band of pearls around the head as a mark of royal power.

The triumphal crown of Rome was made of laurel leaves and was given to the general who achieved a great victory over an enemy. He entered the city, not by a gate, but over a portion of the wall which was thrown down to afford a passage. At his funeral his laurel wreath was placed in his bier and buried with his body.

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as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

"Phocion" Howard, son of the late noted Bohemian, has been appointed assistant Washington correspondent of the New York Sun.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Mrs. Neva Cole, matron of the Children's Home, at Danville, is dangerously ill. She has pneumonia, complicated with measles.

Lost—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Postmaster J. McGinnis of Cisco, has been found short in his accounts about $700. The bondsmen will make the loss good.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The half-mile track at Glen Oak Park, Peoria, has been scraped and flooded and is now the perfection of skating ground.

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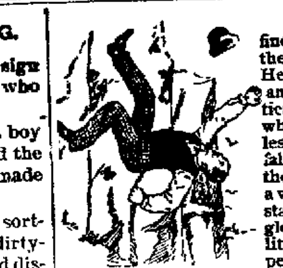

The dreamer finds himself at the edge of a cliff. He stumbles, falls, and grasps frantically at a rope, which breaks uselessly, letting him fall straight down the precipice. He awakes with a start and a struggle. If he has a little spot of superstition in him, he tries to figure out the meaning of the dream. If he is not superstitious, he looks for the cause, finds it in indigestion and nervousness, and then heeds the real meaning. It is a good thing to believe in dreams, but to believe in them in the right way. A bad dream is a warning. It is a sign that all is not right in the dreamer's body. It means that his digestion is out of order, and that means that his blood is not receiving sufficient nourishment; and that has its effect on the nerves, and the nerves, on the brain. Imperfect digestion means imperfect nutrition. It means that the strength and food that ought to go into the blood from the digestive organs—that should go to build the tissues that waste every day—is being perverted and is doing no good. It means that there will be loss of solid, strengthful flesh; that the nerves will be uncovered just that much; that debility will ensue, and that the man's body is ready for the reception of disease-germs. That is the real meaning of the man's dreams, and such dreams should always be taken to mean that the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is urgent and imperative, if health would be preserved. The "Discovery" is a certain cure for indigestion, dyspepsia and liver complaint.

When constipation is present, it is frequently necessary to supplement the "Discovery" by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, and two a mild cathartic. They greatly facilitate the action of the "Golden Medical Discovery," by ridding the system of poisonous, effete matter, increasing the activity of the lower bowels so that the impure matter forced out of the blood by the "Golden Medical Discovery" may find quick egress. Both the "Golden Medical Discovery" and the "Pellets" may be obtained at any drug store. Complete information concerning them may be had by addressing the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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That Will Interest the CAREFUL BUYERS..

Commencing Friday morning, Jan. 22, we will sell all our new styles of Best Calicoes at 5c. All of our Indigo Blues in best makes at 3½c. All our ⅞ and 4-4 Percale, extra wide and heavy, at 8c, worth 10 and 12½c. All 6¼ and 7c Ginghams at 5c. Cotton Flannels, 4, 5, to 8 and 10c for the best.

In Dress Goods we will sell for 25c goods worth 35c. For 35 and 40c goods worth 50 and 60c. Goods worth up to 75, 85 and 95c for 60 and 70c.

BLACK SILKS — Duchesse Failles, Aidas and Taffetas, best makes, reduced from $1.25 and $1.35 to 98c for this sale.

Black Satins worth $1.00 and $1.25 at 78 and 98c.

Large lines of Grey Fleeced Blankets at 49, 59, 69, 79, 99, $1.19 and $1.49—factory price.

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11 bars Calumet Family Soap	.25
25 lbs. Cracked Hominy	.25
8 lbs. Bulk Starch	.25
5 gal. W. White Oil	.50
5 gal. good Oil	.45
Good Can Corn	.05
3 lb. can Pie Peaches, 10c; 3 cans,	.25
3 lb. can Table Peaches, per can,	15c to 20c
3lb. can California Table Peach	.20
3 lb. can Pumpkin or Squash, 10c; 3,	.25
Potatoes per bu	.30
4 two pound packages Rolled Oats,	.25
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Mediums, per doz	8½c
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ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, Doing business as Smith & Calkins—Debtors.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, doing business as Smith & Calkins, of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1896, transfer to the undersigned, as assignee, all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Smith & Calkins are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to me, at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

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Dated December 30, 1896. Jan 6-d6w

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Dated this 2d day of January, 1897.
W. C. DIMOCK, Assignee.
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For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

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FOR SALE—Fine land near Beamont and Port Arthur, Texas. Low prices. Easy Terms. Good schools, low taxes, no drought or blizzards. Profitable crops; rice, cotton, fruits, vegetables. Enquire of ALLINSON & FLEMING, I. C. City Ticket Office, Decatur, Ill. Jan 5-d5w

FOR SALE—For spot cash, $250, you can get a fine building lot, very high ground, size 40x182, on North Union street. Only one left, don't all speak at once. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Nov 13-dtf

FOUR MODERN HOUSES close in, on west side, for sale at a bargain, by BROWN & JEFFRIES, 252 West Wood st. 22-d&w2w

FOR SALE.—Here's something that will unlock your pocketbooks. Three fine lots, very high, on North Union street, size 40x182, $300 apiece, or $800 for all; one-half cash; balance on easy payments. Elegant building lots, new houses all around. Can use a good driving horse as part pay. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Nov 13-dtf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—71 acres of land suitable for Poultry, Hog, Dairy or Garden farm, four miles from Decatur; good five-room house, cellar, two wells, spring, two barns, that hold 30 head of stock, corncrib, granary, together with farming implements, team, one cow, one stack of millet, two stacks sheaf oats, 350 shocks of corn, with fodder; all in running order; one-half in cultivation, balance pasture; about 300 choice young fruit trees, besides all kinds of small fruit. Possession given any time. $6,000 takes it; some property, some money, and easy time. Would make somebody a handsome home. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. nov13-dtf

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A three-room house, No. 1137 North Main street, with good cellar, well and cistern. Rent reasonable. Inquire of B. I. STERRETT, office over the Chicago Department Store. 3-d6*

FOR RENT—The building formerly occupied by Dr. Swain, on South Franklin street. The building is 20x40, suitable for shop and office. Apply to W. H. GRINDOL. Jan 25-dtf

MONEY TO LOAN.

FARM LOANS—SIX PER CENT. INTEREST—Lowest commission. Prepayment privileges. Money ready when papers are accepted. Don't contract for a loan until you get my terms. C. E. GIVEN, 606 Millikin Bank Building. Oct 28-d&wtf

LOANS OF ALL KINDS. FISK BROS., Over Farmers' Bank. mar9 dtf

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by **PEGRAM & CO.,**
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

LOANS—I have money to place on farms and city property not over 40 per cent of value at 6 per cent, on 5 years time, with privilege of payments after the second year. Also loca money for nearly all classes of loans. Call or address Samuel McBride, 215 North Main street. dec17 d6mo

MONEY TO LOAN—I have money to loan on city property and farms without delay. Call and see me. George W. Ehrhart, Real Estate and Loans, Room 10, Opera Block. july 7-d1m

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—A child's ring, with red ribbon attached. Owner will be returned same by calling at this office, identifying property and paying charges. 3 d6

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. PETTIBONE, Business and Test Medium, will hold materializing seances Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p. m. Also business sittings daily, at 457 N. Jackson street. 2-d6

SALESMEN—$5 a day. No canvassing. No deliveries. No collections. Samples free. Side line or exclusive. Mfrs., 3941 Market St., Philadelphia. jan 23-d4w.

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan6-dtf

THE FINEST FLOWERS.—N. Bommersbach, proprietor of the Decatur Greenhouse, has in stock at all times the finest and largest variety of cut flowers and plants at the lowest figures. Inspect the display at the greenhouse on Spring avenue. Leave orders at office or with J. B. Bullard, Syndicate Block. Jan 4, 1897-dtf

THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made. $1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accuracy and permanence guaranteed. Dark days no hindrance in getting good negatives. East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado St. Dec. 30 d&wtf

RHEUMATISM CURE.—Decatur, Ill., Nov 29th. Wanted, everybody to read this article. For four or five years I took medicine for my kidneys and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicines for rheumatism I tried your Cerrodanie Capsules and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well. I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, Tom Peniwell, ticket agent I. C. R. R. Jan 18 dtf

THE DECATUR RUBBER STAMP WORKS. James M. Myers, proprietor, 301 S. Church street; Old Phone 38, Decatur, Ill. Rubber Stamps of all kinds, and for all business purposes. Price markers and everything in the commercial stamp line. Send for circulars, etc. 2-d6*

CITY COLLECTING AND RATING AGENCY.

He rents buildings and collects all kinds of claims at the most reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call on or address GEO. W. CUSTER, Room 503, Arcade Building. Jan. 8-dtf

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Uriah Edgecombe, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Uriah Edgecombe, deceased, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1897.
HANNAH EDGECOMBE, Administratrix.
Bunn & Park, Attorneys. Jan 26-d3w

EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of George Q. Baker, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of George Q. Baker, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the first Monday in March next at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 15th day of January, 1897.
SARAH ANN BAKER, Executrix.
Jan 15-d3w

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GEO. P. HARDY,
Justice of the Peace,
147 South Water Street.
Apr 23-dtf

DR. LAURENS ENOS,
Homeopathist and Surgeon,
—Chronic Diseases a Specialty—
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, 445 N. Main st.
Jan. 13-dtf

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephones: Office, 277; Res., 216. Residence 1446 N. Edward St.

DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building.
Office Hours—10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephone—Residence, 364; Office, 365.
Residence—555 West North St.

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER,—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
jan 24-d&wtf

I. D. STINE,
ARCHITECT.
Pasfield Building.
Telephone 570. DECATUR, ILL.

DR. A. M. DREW,
Physician and Surgeon.
OFFICE—Over Bradley Bros.' Store, Rooms 40 and 41.
RESIDENCE—442 West Prairie Avenue.
Telephone—(Old), Office 555, Residence, 556
Aug. 26-dtf

DR. M. A. MAJORS,
Treats all Diseases of Men, Women and Children. Health Advice Free.
TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE. Office Hours 9 a. m. to 12 m., 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., 7 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.
Room 22 Syndicate Block, Decatur, Ill

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Book Binder.
Practical Book Binding and Blank Book Manufacturing. 127 South Water street, Decatur, Ill. Magazines bound, names stamped in gold on books.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.
CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill

HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
Constable and Collector,
147 South Water St.
Telephone—Old 329, New 78, Residence, Old 306
COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

B. I. STERRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OFFICE—Over Bryan' Clothing Store Decatur

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rolly Springs] Route to **FLORIDA**

Through Sleeping Car daily from St. Louis to Jacksonville via Illinois Central, and Birmingham Ala., and Atlanta, Ga. Sleeping Car Service in connection therewith from Chicago and from Sioux City.

CALIFORNIA
—VIA—
NEW ORLEANS.

Pullman Buffet Sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from Chicago, connecting with the Southern Pacific's "Sunset Limited" for Los Angeles and San Francisco. Pullman Tourist Sleeper every Wednesday THROUGH WITHOUT CHANGE from Chicago to San Francisco.

TOUR OF ALL MEXICO...

via the Central Route, under the auspices of the American Tourist Association, will leave Chicago JANUARY 19th, 1897, FEBRUARY 27th, 1897. Tickets include all expenses, Railway, Sleeping and Dining-Car Fares, Hotels, Carriages, etc.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans
March 1st and 2d, 1897.

Announcement of reduced rates for this occasion will be made in due season, particulars of which can be learned of your home agent.

Homeseekers Excursions SOUTH

From January to May, 1897, inclusive, at One Fare for the Round Trip, plus $2.00. To certain points South from stations west of Iowa Falls, Ia. inclusive on the 1st and 3d Monday of each month, east of Iowa Falls and north of Cairo, Ill., one day later, viz 1st and 3d Tuesday. Homeseekers' tickets will also be sold from stations north of Cairo and east of Cedar Falls to points on Illinois Central west of Iowa Falls, and from all stations on the Central Route north of Cairo to certain points.

WEST AND SOUTHWEST

on the 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month.

Tickets and full information concerning all of the above can be had of agents of the Central Route and connecting lines,
A. H. HANSON, Gen'l Pass'r Agent, Chicago.

Administrator's Sale of Land.

Notice is hereby given that I will, as administrator of the estate of Rebecca A. Sechrest, deceased, at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of

Friday, February 12th, 1897,

sell at public vendue to the highest bidder, certain premises situated in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot nineteen (19) in H. A. Wood's South Park Addition of Out Lots to the City of Decatur.

That said premises will be sold for cash in hand.

That such sale will be made by virtue of an order and decree of the County Court of Macon county, Illinois, pronounced at the January Term, A. D. 1897, in the matter of the administration of said estate.

Dated this 14th day of January, A. D. 1897.
CHARLES F. BACHMAN,
Administrator of the Estate of Rebecca A. Sechrest, deceased.
Jan 14-dtd

PROPOSALS.

The undersigned, assignee of the estate of M. D. Alexander, insolvent, will receive proposals for the entire stock of goods consisting of hardware, cutlery, stoves, tinware, tinner's tools, etc., up to March 1, 1897. The stock is clean, and if desired the building can be rented for the coming season, or can be purchased reasonable.

Macon, Ill., Jan. 11, 1897.
W. H. BROOKS, Assignee.
Jan. 29-d6w

R. R. TIME TABLES.

In effect May 30, 1896.

Wabash Line.

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	*3 05 a m	13	*3 50 a m
14	*11 45 a m	15	*3 55 p m
16	†7 40 a m	17	†7 35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
3	*3 40 a m	6	*3 25 a m
11	*6 55 a m	4	*11 25 a m
5	†4 05 p m	14	*11 42 a m
15	*4 00 p m	10	*9 10 p m
1	*12 13 a m	2	*10 18 p m
7	*7 20 p m	12	*12 55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
6	*28 a m	1	*12 10 a m
4	*11 30 a m	7	*7 17 p m
2	*10 18 p m	5	†3 50 p m
10 Laf. acm.	†4 40 p m	3	*3 20 a m
		11	†10 30 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	*4 05 p m	4	*11 20 a m
3	*5 40 a m	2	*10 05 p m
17 Spfd only	†7 40 p m	16 from Spfg	†7 35 a m
11 Spfd acm	†10 34 a m	10 Effm acm	†4 36 p m

*Daily †Daily except Sunday

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily ....1:28 a m	Diamond Special, daily ....2:50 a m
No. 122 pass. ex. Sunday ....9.30 a m	No. 135 pass. ex. Sunday ....9.30 a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday ....2 00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday ....10.10 a m
No. 107 pass. ex. Sunday ....6 10 p m	No. 123 pass. ex. Sunday ....3.08 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves ex. Sunday ....2 25 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday ....10.15 a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n, daily 6:00 a m	No. 703—From Chicago, daily 9 05 p m
No. 120 daily to Chicago ....11 55 a m	No. 119 daily, to St. Louis ....3.58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1 ...10 42 a. m.	A No. 2 ......2.41 p. m.
D No. 3 ...10:10 p. m.	A No. 4 ......3 50 a. m.
A No. 31 ...4 50 p. m.	A No. 30 ......6 15 a. m.
	S No. 36 ......7 10 a. m.

Depart for Peoria	Depart for Evansville
A No. 2 ....2 47 p. m.	A No. 1 ......10 50 a. m.
A No. 4 ....4 10 a. m.	D No. 3 ......10.20 p. m.
A No. 30 ....6 35 a. m.	A No. 31 ......5.00 p. m.
S No. 36 ....7 30 a. m.	A No. 11 ......3 15 p. m.
A No. 16 ....10.42 a. m.	

"A"—Daily Except Sunday. "D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.		LEAVE.	
No. 3 Pass	*4 00 a m	No. 2 Pass	†11:25 a m
" 1 Pass	†2 25 p m	" 4 Pass	*10:20 p m
" 7 Acc	†10 00 a m	" 8 Accom	†4.00 a m

*Daily. †Except Sunday. ‡Run ends here

Vandalia Line.

In effect Jan 17, 1897.

Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.

FOR THE WEST.
No. 7, Ex., Sun. 11 42 a. m. ....For Peoria
No. 5, Ex., Sun. 7 00 a. m. ....For Peoria

FOR THE EAST.
No. 20, Ex., Sun. 8.00 a. m. ....For Terre Haute
No. 6, Ex. Sun 3 25 p. m. ....For Terre Haute

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

The Wabash, in connection with the I. D. & W. and C. H. & D. Railways has inaugurated a line of sleeping and parlor cars on the night trains between Hannibal, Decatur, Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Winter Tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal Winter resorts in the South and Southeast.

Improved Dining Car Service on the Wabash. Meals will now be served A la Carte on all dining cars on the Wabash line. This will be a great accommodation to passengers as it will enable them to select from the bill of fare just what they want and pay only for what they get.

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and returning Sunday only.

Homeseekers' excursion to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at one fare plus $2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

Washington, D. C. account Presidential Inauguration. One fare round trip. Tickets sold March 1st, 2d and 3d, good returning not later than March 8th.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans March 1 and 2.

The Canadian Pacific special conducted excursion "Around the World" leaves about May 1st. Tickets $560. For information and particulars call at city office.

The Wabash "California Flyer."

Quickest and best service to CALIFORNIA is now offered by the Wabash Railroad, in connection with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Vestibuled sleeping cars through to Los Angeles without change making twenty-one hours better time from St. Louis than any other line, and corresponding time from other points.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

FLORIDA
—AND—
Southern Winter Resorts.

With the inauguration of new train schedules, we are now able to give our patrons service to the South which is not equaled either in time or comfort by any other line.

The day train, which arrives at Evansville at 6 15 in the evening makes direct connection with the Louisville & Nashville limited train for Nashville, Memphis, Montgomery and New Orleans, and also for Jacksonville, Fla., via Chattanooga, Tifton and Macon. This train carries Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars, Evansville to New Orleans, Guthrie to Memphis and Evansville to Chattanooga, Atlanta and Jacksonville, Fla.

This service enables the PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE RAILWAY to offer to its patrons a route to

Florida Twelve Hours Quicker

than via any other line, and to give its passengers every comfort en route.

For rates, time cards, maps and all information, inquire of any Agent or write direct to
A. G. PALMER, Gen. Pass. Agent, Evansville, Ind.
S. J. CASSETTY, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Peoria, Ill.
O. M. TICHENOR, Pass. Agt., Mattoon, Ill.
Jan 11 dtf

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the City Electric Railway Company of Decatur, Ill., will be held TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1897 at the office of said company in Decatur, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Decatur, Ill. February 2, 1897.
CITY ELECTRIC RY. CO.
W. L. SHELLABARGER, Sec. [Feb 2-dtd

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THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

VITALIS PRODUCES THE ABOVE RESULTS. It quickly and surely removes Nervousness, Impotency, Nightly Emission, Evil Dreams, Wasting diseases and all effects of self-abuse or excess and indiscretion. Restores Lost Vitality, Power and Failing Memory. Wards off Insanity and consumption. Cures when all others fail. Insist on having VITALIS, no other. Can be carried in the vest pocket. By mail $1.00 per package or six for $5.00 with a guarantee to Cure or Refund the Money. Circular Free. Address

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For Sale in Decatur by
Dr. A. J. Stoner & Son, Druggists

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ROGERS BROS.' *Knives, Forks and Spoons.*

None Genuine Without "1847" Stamped Upon Them.

These "1847 Rogers Bros.'" make is the old original brand of Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons, and cost more in the market than any Rogers make. ☞ PLEASE DO NOT CONFOUND IT WITH Wm. Rogers, Rogers & Brother or any other Rogers, without the "1847 Rogers Bros." trade mark stamped upon them. There are twenty imitations, all of which use the word "Rogers" in some shape, but none but the genuine dare use "1847 Rogers Bros."

You should get our prices on

Solid Silver Spoons.

We are showing a very fine line at VERY LOW PRICES.

We claim to be Headquarters on

Diamonds, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.

OUR SECOND FLOOR CHINA DEPARTMENT

Is second to none in the State, and we are showing Dinner Ware and Toilet Ware in a very large variety of patterns, and at prices equal to corn at 15 cents a bushel.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at

156 EAST MAIN STREET.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

We're After Money!

So hard that any little consideration as to the actual value of the goods must not stand in our way. For instance there is our fine line of HANAN & SONS' Men's Fine Shoes in Enamel and Patent Leathers, never sold for less than $6.00 before. Now come around and get one pair or as many pairs as you want at only $5.00 per pair.

Prices Are Knocked Silly,

And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for $3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to $2.25. Ladies' hand-turned vici kid shoes, regular $4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only $2.65 per pair. Ladies' $2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only $1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

Now Is the Accepted Time!

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is all the more reason why you should save money in your purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry up while you can be sure you will be fitted. Come and save yourself rich.

F. H. Cole Shoe Co.

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

HEADACHE CURED

FOR 10 CENTS

—AT—

KING'S DRUG STORE,

By using Dr. Hamilton's Headache Tablets.

Cor. Main and Water Sts., Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.

Burks' White Pine Balsam, coughs, colds

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but——

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 29-dtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Meh 25 tf.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture For sale by the Cerrodanie Co., 21 Syndicate block. jan 16-d1m

Fred Goady is preparing to open a coal mine on the Brecher farm near Union, Tazewell county.

The members of the Anonymous club will hold a meeting this evening at the Guards' Armory.

Vegetables are scarce. You can get Tomatos, Oyster Plant, Spinach, Water Cress, Lettuce and fine Celery at PEARL OYSTER & FISH CO. Telephone 344. 3-d3

The bondsmen of John McGinnis, the Cisco postmaster who was found to be short last week, have made up the shortage, amounting to $679.43. The bondsmen are A. E. Parr, J. H. Reeves, and E. W. Ater. No arrests have been made. John Kincaid is temporary postmaster.

Many neighbors and friends attended the funeral of Harriett, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 929 West Decatur street. The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Miller of the First Congregational church. Appropriate music was rendered by a quartet composed of Miss Edna Bunn, Mrs. Will Armstrong, D. L. Bunn, and George Dunston. The interment was at Greenwood.

The National Association of Local Fire Insurance agents will hold their meeting in St Louis May 11, 1897. It is stated there are 65,000 local fire insurance agents in the United States and Canada. Almost every town of importance has from one to one hundred. This is not a delegated meeting, every local fire agent in this country and Canada having been invited to attend and bring their families, as there are social as well as business features connected with the organization. The Wabash line will in the near future announce a low rate for this meeting. This will be open not only to the insurance agents but also the traveling public. —3d-3t

REDUCED PRICES FOR 30 DAYS. Ladies' and Children's Dresses, Cloaks, Wrappers and Capes dyed and dry cleaned. No ripping apart. Lace and chenile and portiers dry cleaned at reduced prices for February, by the leading practical dyers and dry cleaners of Decatur. H. H. Miller & Bro., 145 North Main street.

Around the World.

The Canadian Pacific Special conducted excursion "around the world" leaves about May 1. Tickets, $560. For itineraries and particulars call at Wabash city office.—28-d1w

$3.00.

For the above price we will sell the finest shoes for gentlemen to be found in Decatur. See them in our window. Folrath & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot fitters. Sign of the old cobbler.—26-d&wtf

HALF PRICE ON PLASTERS.

West's Drug Store.

Allcock's Plasters.....2 for 25c
Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25c
Strengthening Plasters.....2 for 25c

AT THE CHARITY STORE.

Donations Made for the Poor This Week—Applications for Assistance Coming in Every Day.

The workers at the charity headquarters are still doing a rushing business. On account of the moderation of the weather there is not so much suffering among the poor but there are many families without food. Men, women and children flock to the store all day and apply for clothing and food. There is a good supply of produce and clothing on hand excepting garments for women and children. These are especially needed and any donations in that line will be acceptable. Among some of the donations this week were the following: O. B. Gorin, ten tons of coal; Mrs. Samuel Anderson, $5; clerks at Linn & Scruggs' store, 64 pounds of coffee; Kipp & Hamer, a barrel of flour and ten pounds of coffee; F. H. Cole Shoe Co., fifteen pairs of shoes. Others who donated were Mrs. F. M. Young, C. S. Nims, R. R. Montgomery, Mrs. F. Sanford, D. Harkness, Danzeisen & Sons, Mrs. William Baldwin, Mrs. Samuel Young, Mrs. D. M. Fielding, Mrs. H. B. Lewis, John Lytle, A. J. Blaine, V. Barber, Mrs. S. Dietzler, Mrs. K. H. Roby, Mrs. Milton Johnson, Will Armstrong, Mrs. N. W. Woodford, J. C. Lingle, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. B. I. Sterrett, Charles Kline, Mrs. H. B. Lewis, L. C. Shellabarger, Mrs. J. B. Bullard, Mrs Harry Golan, Johnson & Fruit, Mrs. J. E. Bering, Mrs. T. M. Hobart, Mrs Samuel Powers, Miss Carrie Powers, Mrs. O. E. Curtis, J. L. Stout, J. J. Sheppard, Mrs. J. H. Muthersbaugh, Mrs. Eva Paxton, Mrs. Estella Kazar, Mrs. G. C. Kinsman, W. F. Vaughn, Mrs. Orlando Powers, Mrs. L. Burrows, Mrs. E. Banks, Mrs. J. M. Werner, G. A. Stadler, Miss Mollie Tuttle, Mrs. George Peck, Folrath & Hardy, Ed Adams, J. R. Race and Mrs. C. S. Stamel.

Baptist Endeavor Notes.

Endeavor day was celebrated at the meeting of the Baptist Endeavor society Monday night in a way that was entertaining as well as instructive to all who were fortunate enough to be present. A special program which had been prepared by the committee having it in charge, proved to be interesting throughout. The celebration was joint, being participated in by both the senior and intermediate societies.

The intermediate society told, in verse, of many important events which have transpired in the history of the United society. Music followed after which a complete history of the United society was given by Miss Ella Spencer in a very attractive manner. A special Endeavor selection of music was then rendered by the choir.

I. N. Martin, Jr., first president, gave a history of the Decatur society, in such an interesting way that at the close of his remarks applause was to be heard upon every hand.

The meeting then resolved itself into one of prayer that the results of society work, in this city, may be more effective during this year. The president directed the exercises. All departed feeling a deeper interest in Endeavor work that ever before.

The following charter members of the Baptist society were present: Ms Metella Kazar, Misses Mary Cary, Anna Meade, Ethel Dimock, Mollie Drobisch, Mabel Wayne, Fannie Crossman, and Messrs. I. N. Martin, Jr., and Theodore Stetcher.

Before the religious exercises, the regular monthly business meeting was held. The most important business was the voting of a contribution to the ministerial education fund of the Chicago University. The missionary committee requested that a missionary meeting be held by the society once in six weeks instead of every three months as is by the topic cards provided, which request was granted by the society. The following members were named to constitute a nominating committee whose duty it will be to present, at the next regular business meeting, nominees for the offices during the next term: Misses Ethel Dimock, Mabel Wilson, Mary Wood and Messrs. Norman Coughlin, and Wilbur Funk. A vote of thanks was extended to Miss Neta Clark for her kindness in assisting the society in the recent entertainment, given under its auspices.

Hutchin to Move His Shoe Store.

About March 1 we will move to 139 North Water street (first door north of Races'). That will give us February yet in our present quarters. We have invoiced. We did that to see what we have. We have $30,000 worth of the best shoes ever brought to Decatur. We won't move all of them, in fact, can't move many, for we have bought enough new goods to stock up our new place. But we will move them in the easiest way possible, and that is to let you put the price you want to pay on them and move them for us. So get a move on yourself and help us move by securing the best shoe bargains any store ever gave. Remember, it's a February sale and will give us a lively month. Walter Hutchin,

1-dt3wlt 355 North Water street.

Aprons! Aprons!

The Sunday School Support society and the Sunday school teachers of St. John's Episcopal church will have an apron sale Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 at the rectory, 503 West Prairie avenue. Everybody is invited to attend.—3-d3t

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds. at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 29-d&wtf

LIBRARY GOSSIP.

A Member of the Board Gives Facts as to Propositions.

ROBERTS & GREEN HAD MONTH'S TIME

They Submitted Two Written Offers and the Board Took Final Action--Powers Notified as to Acceptance.

A member of the Decatur public library furnished the Republican the following for publication to-day: "Roberts & Greene make the statement that they have had in contemplation for some time an intention of doing something nice for the library. I will state that they in no way intimated any such purpose. The committee called on Roberts & Green about a month ago, and stated that the board had a written proposition from Mr. Powers and the board felt in justice to them they should have an opportunity to make a proposition. Mr. Roberts told the committee that they were trying to bulldoze them. The committee assured them that it was nothing of the kind. All they asked was a written proposition—what they were willing to do to retain the public library. Mr. Roberts throughout the entire interview adhered to the idea that it was a bulldozing scheme to cut them down on rent. Mr. Roberts then made a verbal proposition. They would rent the east room at $75 a year. The committee left them, saying the matter must be in writing. Roberts & Green then sent the following proposition:

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 12, 1897.—Library Board, Decatur, Ill. Dear Sir: On condition the present lease is extended for five years from this date we will include the suite of rooms on the east occupied by George Lower, as soon as it can be secured, for the same amount you now pay.

In case the present lease is extended ten years from this date we will include the whole second floor on the east, except Dr. Spaulding's office, for the same you now pay. Providing, however, we retain the Taylor offices for three years, you in both cases to make your own connecting and at your own expense. Yours truly, Roberts & Greene.

The board member to complete the story continued: "On Monday morning about half an hour before the meeting of the board Roberts & Green sent in the following proposition:

Library Board, Dear Sirs: We will amend our proposition by saying that outsiders have come to us and promise to donate the necessary amount to put the room on the east in readiness for use free of expense to the library board. We will also add the following clause to the lease. After five years on one year's notice we will release you, provided you have a building of your own to move into. Roberts & Green.

"I will add that the board understood that this last proposition was the final offer from Roberts & Green. In no way, by intimation or otherwise, did Roberts & Green, intimate that they had in contemplation anything further and not until after the board acted was anything known or intimated or anything contemplated. This contemplation seems strange and remarkable when it is considered that Roberts & Green had nearly four weeks to have intimated that they were considering such an idea. As to what the board will do nothing is known. Mr. Powers was duly notified of the acceptance of his proposition by the committee."

It is understood that the library will not be moved until about June 1st. Time will be required to fit up the new room properly. Mr. Barnes, who went to Florida on Monday, stated that he desired to be present and assist in the work of placing partitions and furniture. He will be absent a few weeks. The room can be fitted up in good style in a short time after his return from the south.

AFFAIRS IN COURT.

No Trial Cases--Criminal Actions to Receive Attention Next Week.

In the circuit court this forenoon Judge Vail stated that inasmuch as a number of attorneys were ill and could not be in court he would not make an arbitrary call of cases in which they were interested but would endeavor to accommodate all. The court stated that he had been informed that Attorney Hugh Crea, who is now on the sick list and away from home for a rest, would be able to be in court on and after March 1st. It was further stated that the call of cases on the civil dockets would continue for the balance of this week, and that next Monday criminal cases would receive attention until all were disposed of. On March 1 the consideration of civil cases will be resumed.

Common Law Docket.

James E. Osborne vs F. M. Burns, replevin. Simon Rosenberger vs J. C. Riggin, certiorari. William Stone vs Wm. Schroll, appellants; appeal. All continued by agreement.

The National Malleable Castins Co. vs John Williams, assumpsit. Default.

Henry W. Sharpless vs Wm. Meser; assumpsit. Default

J. M. Hays Woolen Co. vs J. J. Murphy, assumpsit. Default.

E. F. Funk for the use of Hiram Huise vs A. T. Summers, assumpsit. Demurrer to declaration sustained and plaintiff abides. Judgment to decree for costs Appeal prayed and allowed.

Emmet M. Nichols vs Emanuel C Mace, debt. Suit dismissed by agreement

Kingman & Co. vs Andrew Miller, assumpsit. Default and court assesses damages at $1482.83. Judgment for same and costs.

John A. Dawson vs S. T Nesbitt, assumpsit. Demurrer to first count and demurrer sustained.

The national bank of Decatur vs A. J. Eldridge; confession; judgment for $35.61; execution issued.

Chancery Docket

Ella Andrix vs Felix Andrix, divorce. Cause heard and decree as prayed.

Mary Willis vs Joseph C. Willis divorce. Cause heard by court and decree as prayed.

Cora L. Browning vs W. L Browning, divorce. Cause heard by court and decree as prayed.

Charlotte Poindexter vs George Poindexter; divorce. Cause heard by court. Decree as prayed.

Abner Corey vs Laura Corey, divorce. Decree pro confesso. Cause heard by court. Decree as prayed.

Clara L. McClellan vs Henry T. McClellan, divorce. Motion by complainant for alimony and solicitor's fee.

In these cases the report of the master was approved and the cases stricken with leave:

Festus McClure vs Wm. H. Barnett et al.

D. W. Brenneman vs L. Whitley et al.

John Kellar vs R. M. Tolluday et al.

W. H. Wallace vs Louis N. Seaton.

W. H. Walters vs Charles A. Snow.

D. J. Milligan vs Lucy Ward.

Equitable Loan and Investment association vs F. P. Roddy, foreclosure. Decree pro confesso on intervening petition as to defendant's not answering Referred to master.

E. S. McCarty vs Wm. Taylor, partition. Demurrer to bill. Demurrer sustained and leave to amend bill. Bill to answer amended next Saturday.

O. F. Parker vs Agnes Roddy, foreclosure. Referred to master for computation

John M. Gordon vs Michael Doran; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso as to defendants not answering and referred to master.

Harry B. Owsley vs L. B. Casner, foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and referred to master.

People's Savings and Loan association vs J. F. Cooper, foreclosure. Master's report approved and decree of foreclosure for $1003.57 and solicitor's fee of $70 taxed as costs. Receiver to file an approved bond of $300. E. F. Kuny reciever.

Milton M. Sharp vs F. M. Burns, foreclosure. Decree pro confesso against defendants not answering and referred to master.

The Decatur Brewing Co. vs Mary Schwab, chancery. Motion to quash return and cross motion for leave to amend. Cross motion allowed. Leave to amend bill.

P. S. Outten vs Lewis B. Casner et al foreclosure; on master's report decree for $2379.11.

Savings Fund Building association vs Arthur Rathburn et al, foreclosure, on report of master decree for $1350.64; solicitor's fee $75.

Henry B. Owsley vs Lewis B. Casner et al, foreclosure; on report of master and evidence decree for $10,725; solicitor's fee, $300.

Decatur Mutual Loan association vs Alfred N. Ernest et al, decree for $638.74, solicitor's fee, $50.

Same vs Frank C. Myer, foreclosure; decree for $1646.25; solicitor's fee $100.

Same vs R. J. Simpson et al, foreclosure; decree for $292.19; fee $25.

Savings Fund Building association vs Julia Ann Conlon et al; foreclosure; decree for $859.34; fee $60.

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The Peoria public library is being moved into the new building on Monroe street.

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ARMENIAN RELIEF.

Statement that Unless Relief Comes Soon Thousands of Orphans Will Perish.

IOWA NATIONAL BANK FAILS

Belief that Goff Has Been Offered Attorney Generalship — Contest from Utah — Deaths from the Plague in India.

New York, Feb. 4.—The national Armenian relief committee recently forwarded $85,000 to Turkey. The committee has just received a cable from the international committee at Constantinople stating that the funds on hand are entirely inadequate to meet the awful destitution; that not less than 40,000 children have been made orphans by the massacres. These "Wards of Christendom" it is stated, can be cared for at the rate of a dollar a month and saved from debasing enslavement in Moslem homes. But thousands will perish before spring unless relief is sent at once. Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall street, New York, is treasurer of the committee.

Iowa National Bank Fails.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The comptroller of the currency has received a telegram from Griswold, Iowa, announcing the failure of the First National bank in that place. Capital, $50,000. The December statement showed liabilities of $80,000; assets, $157,000; surplus, $10,000.

Titled Son Born.

London, Feb. 4.—Lady William Beresford, formerly the duchess of Marlborough previously Louise Hammersley, New York, has given birth to a son. Mother and child are doing well.

Belief that Goff is Chosen.

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 4.—It is believed Judge Goff, of West Virginia, was tendered the attorney generalship two weeks ago but has hesitated to accept on account of his wife's health.

State Chairman Gowdy of Indiana, arrived this morning and says his object was to talk over Indiana matters. He blushed like a school girl when asked if he expected to become commissioner of pensions.

General Alger, the coming secretary of war, arrived this morning and says the object of his visit is to say a few words to McKinley for his friends.

Contest from Utah.

Salt Lake, Utah, Feb 4.—Moses Thatcher who was defeated by Rawlins for the United States senatorship yesterday, announces that an appeal will be taken to the United States senate and contest made on the ground of the coercion of members of the legislature by Mormon church officers.

Deaths from the Plague.

Bombay, Feb. 4.—Official returns show there has been 5098 cases of plague to date and 3841 deaths.

Maj. George S. Roper Dead.

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 4.—Major George S. Roper died yesterday morning. He was well known throughout the state, being a prominent Mason and member of the Knights Templar and Mystic Shrine, and for many years state Republican committeeman from this district. He was also prominent in insurance circles, being the secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Mutual of this city. In G. A. R. circles he is known nationally, having been chief of transportation on the staff of National Commander-in-Chief Lawler, and visited all part of the country with him. He acted as quartermaster to General Grant on the first march from Springfield to Quincy, and gained promotion, having a brevet rank of colonel at the close of the war. He was on the staff of General George H. Thomas until after the battle of Stone river, in which he gained the rank of major. He was an early friend of President Lincoln, and the campaign which resulted in Lincoln's election was his first active political experience.

Railway at Lincoln, Ill., in Trouble.

Lincoln, Ill., Feb. 4.—The Lincoln Electric Street Railway company, composed of Bert M. Kuhn and W. H. Patterson of Bloomington, was made defendant yesterday in the circuit court of Logan county in a suit for a receiver. The application was made by J. T. Hoblit, D. Bliss, H. C. Quisenberry and W. Tranor, owners of 100 6 per cent first mortgage bonds of $500 each, and is based on the alleged failure of the operating company to comply with a mortgage held by the St. Louis Trust company, which requires the payment on July 1 and January 1 of interest coupons, agreeable to